

TIME DOESN'T WAIT, NEITHER DO THE PRETTY GIFTS THAT ARE SELLING SO FAST. DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES, BUT COME EARLY AND OFTEN THIS WEEK TO BARR'S.



FROM BABY TO GRANDMA. THERE'S HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR ALL.

JUDGING by the number of **BLANKETS** sold at Barr's, every home, every nursery in St. Louis ought to be supplied from our own stock; still the demand goes on, and this is the way we supply it.

Specials—Nursery or Crib Blankets, in 2 sizes, California Brands, now \$1.75, were \$2.50. Baby Carriage Robes, of Angora Wool, lined and quilted, \$1.50, \$2.75, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00 each.

We have a most complete line of White Blankets, for full-size beds, ranging in prices from \$60 to \$150 pair, every pair warranted.

California White Blankets, made of pure lamb's wool, no better goods made, all steam shrunk, will not shrink in washing; we offer 10 cases of these goods this week at sacrifice prices.

2 cases, all full size, now \$4.50, were \$6.00 pair.

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2 cases, all full size, now \$7.50, were \$10.00 pair.

2 cases, all full size, now \$2.75, were \$3.50 pair.

Can you give a handsomer present than a genuine Down Quilt, covered in artistic patterns of satin, down soft and pure; this week a lot, now \$1.50, were \$2.00.

Our assortment of White Bed Spreads was never as pretty.

White Crochet Quilts, \$60, \$70, \$80, \$100 to \$150 each.

White Mosaic Quilts, \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.50 to \$7.50 each.

White Satin Finish Quilts, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$4.50, \$6.00 to \$10.00 each.

HAS a hand-some **UMBRELLA** suggested itself to your mind? Select it at Barr's, where are the latest novelties in Umbrellas; several new lots just in and more coming Monday, in the finest natural wood handles, beautifully decorated with silver, gold, or enamel, solid silver deposit handles, light-roll umbrellas, combination cane or umbrella with leather cases; large umbrellas or small umbrellas and prices from \$50 to \$200; only a few we can mention.

12.50 Men's 24-inch Twisted Best Gloria Silk Umbrellas, Parasols, Frames, Silk Case and Tassel; the variety of handles is sure to please; burn hooks, weicheal bulbs, P. W. hooks, plain or trimmed.

12.50 Ladies' or Men's Union Silk Umbrellas, steel rods, fine Weicheal or Congo Handles, or regular Shank Umbrellas, cane and tassel, 28 inches.

12.50 Ladies' Pure Silk or Fine Union Silk Umbrella with steel rods, decorated Dresden Handles, Pearl Handles or fine English Handles.

\$4.00 to \$5.00—Beautiful effects in the newest long Dresden Ivory or Solid Silver Trimmed Handles and Pure Silk Umbrellas.

\$7.00 to \$12.00 Silk Umbrellas, with Gold, Silver, Ivory, Silver Deposit Effects, for Ladies or Men, 28 or 30-inch.

Canes, in Plain Natural Sticks or Silver Trimmed; also a fine line of hand-some Ivory and Gold Handles.

Congo Canes with Silver Trimming, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00.

Can all Canes or Umbrellas we engrave the initials or name free of charge.

RUGS and MATTINGS.

Third Floor.

1. Lot of 1000, reduced from \$50.00 to \$25.00 each.

Novelties in Fur Rugs, \$2.25 to \$7.50 each.

Best quality Moquette Rugs—18x30 inches, \$1.25; 22x30 inches, \$2.25; 26x30 inches, \$3.50.

Special sale of Royal Wilton Rugs, 7x9 ft., \$4.50; 9x12 ft., \$7.50; 12x15 ft., \$12.50; 15x20 ft., \$17.50.

Dante's Carpet Rugs, hand-made—6x9 ft., \$4.75; 7x9 ft., \$7.50; 9x12 ft., \$12.50; 12x15 ft., \$17.50.

Balance of Straw Mattings, 25 per cent less than regular price to close out.

YOU can't miss pleasing if you buy some of the pretty things with which our **NOTION** Department is crowded.

Novelties in Fancy Baskets and Perfume Bottles, 50c each.

A large variety in Fancy Perfume Bottles, 50c each.

Colored Glass Atomizers, 50c each; worth \$1.00.

Latest Novelties in Celluloid Odor Cases, containing fancy bottles, 1.25.

Celluloid Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, fancy inlaid cover, \$1.50 each.

Genuine Leather Writing Tablets, in black and colors, \$1.49 each; real value \$2.00.

A bargain line in Writing Tablets, black and colors, 75c each; some worth \$1.50.

BEST quality **Satin and Gros Grain RIBBONS**, cheaper than ever sold before. Come and see for yourself.

Width No. 5, usually sold at 12 1/2c, for 25c yard.

Width No. 12, usually sold at 25c, for 15c yard.

Width No. 22, usually sold at 30c, for 25c yard.

5-inch, usually sold at 60c, for 25c yard.

We invite comparison with the best qualities shown by any other house—then note the difference in prices.

Double Satin Ribbons, in all widths and colors, at SPECIAL LOW PRICES.

New Jacquard Ribbons, evening shades only, handsome goods, at 60c and 70c yard.

IF you are perplexed examine these at **EM-BROIDERY** section.

150 Apron Lengths, hemstitched border, with neat work or scalloped edges, that have been selling from 75c to \$1.00 each, all at 60c each; 1 1/2 yards in apron length.

250 Skirt Lengths, 1 to 12 inches wide, English or Gimpure work, at \$1.49, \$2.21 and \$2.99 for skirt length of 4 1/2 yards.

A VERY USEFUL HOLIDAY PRESENT AND A BIG BARGAIN.

White Point Applique Bureau Sets, 1 scarf, 6x18 in., and 3 small mats to match, for 50c per set; worth \$1.25.

White Point d'Espagne Bureau Sets, with colored ribbon, 1 scarf, 6x18 in., and 3 small mats to match, \$1.49 set; worth \$2.25.

YOU can buy the daintiest, prettiest things that were ever made by skillful fingers at Barr's **ART NEEDLEWORK** Department, or you can get a pretty, simple gift at any price ranging from 10c to \$10.00.

Satin Cover Pin Cushions, in all colors, from 25c to 50c.

Stamped Dentin Sofa Pillows, in all colors, price 25c each.

Hand-Painted Toilet Bottles, decorated with ribbons, price \$2.00 each.

Scrap Baskets, in a great variety, trimmed in latest Dresden Ribbons, prices from \$4.00 to \$8.00.

Sofa Pillows, beautifully embroidered in Jap Gold, price from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Hand-Tinted Table Covers, 36 inches square, trimmed with fringe, price 60c each.

Great Reduction Sale of Cloaks and Suits! Now for it! Down and out they go before instead of after Christmas. We have decided this year to take time by the forelock and instead of waiting until after Christmas we are going to have our Great Reduction Sale of Every Jacket in the House. Every Cape in the House. Every Suit in the House. Both Ladies' and Children's. NOW! Which means this:



We have gone through our entire stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Cloaks, Jackets, Capes, Suits and Fur Capes, and put a low enough price on every garment to get it taken away immediately by whoever first sees it and needs it. In previous years we have waited until after Christmas before making this customary mark-down. There are thousands of people in St. Louis who are waiting for our After-Christmas Sale, but who now needn't.

Impossible to enumerate or describe the reductions in detail—but you will want an idea, perhaps.

First—Every Ladies' Jacket in the house heretofore under \$10 we have reduced to \$7.50. Some were \$10, some \$12.50, some \$15. All are now \$7.50.

Second—About 200 handsome jackets—heretofore under \$10 we have reduced to \$7.50. These we have made up in a variety of styles, some are now \$8, some \$10, some \$12, and some \$15 are now \$7.50. Just think of it—\$7.50 for a jacket!

Third—All our particularly stylish light tan colored jackets, beautifully lined, will be sacrificed; \$12.50 ones for \$10, \$15 ones for \$12, and \$17.50 ones for \$15, and so on.

Fourth—Every other Jacket in the department at a big reduction in price.

Fifth—All the beautiful Velvet, Velour and Plush Capes have been marked down, in some instances to less than half of what they were. Also all the Cloth Capes.

Sixth—All the Fur Capes of every description will be sold out at a big reduction in prices: \$12.50 Capes for \$7.50, \$15 Capes for \$10, \$20 Capes for \$15, \$25 Capes for \$20, \$30 Capes for \$25, and so on.

Seventh—All the ready-made Ladies' Tailor-made suits have been marked down—some to a half, some to a third, some to a fourth of what they were—and still no change for fitting.

THERE'S never any mistake in selecting from Barr's **LINEN** Department. Unusual attractions are offered for this week. Another invoice of our large purchase of Linen Goods from McCrumb, Watson, Mercer & Co. of Belfast, steamers Lucania—goods bought at one-third of their regular price. Look at this ad. Come to Barr's Linen Counters and examine goods and look at the prices.

DAMASK CLOTHS—LOT NO. 1.

Size 2 1/2 yards, \$1.15; regular price, \$1.50.

Size 3 1/2 yards, \$1.45; regular price, \$1.75.

Size 4 1/2 yards, \$1.75; regular price, \$2.25.

Size 5 1/2 yards, \$2.05; regular price, \$2.50.

Size 6 1/2 yards, \$2.35; regular price, \$2.85.

Size 7 1/2 yards, \$2.65; regular price, \$3.15.

Size 8 1/2 yards, \$2.95; regular price, \$3.45.

Size 9 1/2 yards, \$3.25; regular price, \$3.75.

Size 10 1/2 yards, \$3.55; regular price, \$4.05.

Size 11 1/2 yards, \$3.85; regular price, \$4.35.

Size 12 1/2 yards, \$4.15; regular price, \$4.65.

Size 13 1/2 yards, \$4.45; regular price, \$4.95.

Size 14 1/2 yards, \$4.75; regular price, \$5.25.

Size 15 1/2 yards, \$5.05; regular price, \$5.55.

Size 16 1/2 yards, \$5.35; regular price, \$5.85.

Size 17 1/2 yards, \$5.65; regular price, \$6.15.

Size 18 1/2 yards, \$5.95; regular price, \$6.45.

Size 19 1/2 yards, \$6.25; regular price, \$6.75.

Size 20 1/2 yards, \$6.55; regular price, \$7.05.

Size 21 1/2 yards, \$6.85; regular price, \$7.35.

Size 22 1/2 yards, \$7.15; regular price, \$7.65.

Size 23 1/2 yards, \$7.45; regular price, \$7.95.

Size 24 1/2 yards, \$7.75; regular price, \$8.25.

Size 25 1/2 yards, \$8.05; regular price, \$8.55.

Size 26 1/2 yards, \$8.35; regular price, \$8.85.

Size 27 1/2 yards, \$8.65; regular price, \$9.15.

Size 28 1/2 yards, \$8.95; regular price, \$9.45.

Size 29 1/2 yards, \$9.25; regular price, \$9.75.

Size 30 1/2 yards, \$9.55; regular price, \$10.05.

Size 31 1/2 yards, \$9.85; regular price, \$10.35.

Size 32 1/2 yards, \$10.15; regular price, \$10.65.

Size 33 1/2 yards, \$10.45; regular price, \$10.95.

Size 34 1/2 yards, \$10.75; regular price, \$11.25.

Size 35 1/2 yards, \$11.05; regular price, \$11.55.

Size 36 1/2 yards, \$11.35; regular price, \$11.85.

Size 37 1/2 yards, \$11.65; regular price, \$12.15.

Size 38 1/2 yards, \$11.95; regular price, \$12.45.

Size 39 1/2 yards, \$12.25; regular price, \$12.75.

Size 40 1/2 yards, \$12.55; regular price, \$13.05.

Size 41 1/2 yards, \$12.85; regular price, \$13.35.

Size 42 1/2 yards, \$13.15; regular price, \$13.65.

Size 43 1/2 yards, \$13.45; regular price, \$13.95.

Size 44 1/2 yards, \$13.75; regular price, \$14.25.

Size 45 1/2 yards, \$14.05; regular price, \$14.55.

Size 46 1/2 yards, \$14.35; regular price, \$14.85.

Size 47 1/2 yards, \$14.65; regular price, \$15.15.

Size 48 1/2 yards, \$14.95; regular price, \$15.45.

Size 49 1/2 yards, \$15.25; regular price, \$15.75.

Size 50 1/2 yards, \$15.55; regular price, \$16.05.

Size 51 1/2 yards, \$15.85; regular price, \$16.35.

Size 52 1/2 yards, \$16.15; regular price, \$16.65.

Size 53 1/2 yards, \$16.45; regular price, \$16.95.

Size 54 1/2 yards, \$16.75; regular price, \$17.25.

Size 55 1/2 yards, \$17.05; regular price, \$17.55.

Size 56 1/2 yards, \$17.35; regular price, \$17.85.

Size 57 1/2 yards, \$17.65; regular price, \$18.15.

Size 58 1/2 yards, \$17.95; regular price, \$18.45.

Size 59 1/2 yards, \$18.25; regular price, \$18.75.

Size 60 1/2 yards, \$18.55; regular price, \$19.05.

Size 61 1/2 yards, \$18.85; regular price, \$19.35.

Size 62 1/2 yards, \$19.15; regular price, \$19.65.

Size 63 1/2 yards, \$19.45; regular price, \$19.95.

Size 64 1/2 yards, \$19.75; regular price, \$20.25.

Size 65 1/2 yards, \$20.05; regular price, \$20.55.

Size 66 1/2 yards, \$20.35; regular price, \$20.85.

Size 67 1/2 yards, \$20.65; regular price, \$21.15.

Size 68 1/2 yards, \$20.95; regular price, \$21.45.

Size 69 1/2 yards, \$21.25; regular price, \$21.75.

Size 70 1/2 yards, \$21.55; regular price, \$22.05.

Size 71 1/2 yards, \$21.85; regular price, \$22.35.

Size 72 1/2 yards, \$22.15; regular price, \$22.65.

Size 73 1/2 yards, \$22.45; regular price, \$22.95.

Size 74 1/2 yards, \$22.75; regular price, \$23.25.

Size 75 1/2 yards, \$23.05; regular price, \$23.55.

Size 76 1/2 yards, \$23.35; regular price, \$23.85.

Size 77 1/2 yards, \$23.65; regular price, \$24.15.

Size 78 1/2 yards, \$23.95; regular price, \$24.45.

Size 79 1/2 yards, \$24.25; regular price, \$24.75.

Size 80 1/2 yards, \$24.55; regular price, \$25.05.

Size 81 1/2 yards, \$24.85; regular price, \$25.35.

Size 82 1/2 yards, \$25.15; regular price, \$25.65.

Size 83 1/2 yards, \$25.45; regular price, \$25.95.

Size 84 1/2 yards, \$25.75; regular price, \$26.25.

Size 85 1/2 yards, \$26.05; regular price, \$26.55.

Size 86 1/2 yards, \$26.35; regular price, \$26.85.

Size 87 1/2 yards, \$26.65; regular price, \$27.15.

Size 88 1/2 yards, \$26.95; regular price, \$27.45.

Size 89 1/2 yards, \$27.25; regular price, \$27.75.

Size 90 1/2 yards, \$27.55; regular price, \$28.05.

Size 91 1/2 yards, \$27.85; regular price, \$28.35.

Size 92 1/2 yards, \$28.15; regular price, \$28.65.

Size 93 1/2 yards, \$28.45; regular price, \$28.95.

Size 94 1/2 yards, \$28.75; regular price, \$29.25.

Size 95 1/2 yards, \$29.05; regular price, \$29.55.

Size 96 1/2 yards, \$29.35; regular price, \$29.85.

Size 97 1/2 yards, \$29.65; regular price, \$30.15.

Size 98 1/2 yards, \$29.95; regular price, \$30.45.

Size 99 1/2 yards, \$30.25; regular price, \$30.75.

Size 100 1/2 yards, \$30.55; regular price, \$31.05.

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.

Women's Ribbed Fine Silk Vests, low neck, sleeveless, cream, blue, pink, \$50, \$60, \$70, \$80, \$90, \$1.00.

Women's French Ribbed extra fine quality, Cream, Pure Silk Vests, low neck, sleeveless, silk embroidered.

fine Smyrna Lace fronts, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, \$46.50, \$47.00, \$47.50, \$48.00, \$48.50, \$49.00, \$49.50, \$50.00, \$50.50, \$51.00, \$51.50, \$52.00, \$52.50, \$53.00, \$53.50, \$54.00, \$54.50, \$55.00, \$55.50, \$56.00, \$56.50, 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VICTORIA AS SANTA CLAUS.

The English Queen Engaged in
Selecting Christmas Presents.

SHE IS A MODEL GRANDMA.

Remembers Footmen as Well as
Princes and Sends a Gift and Personal
Greeting to Each.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Queen has been busy for some time past in personally selecting presents for her Christmas presents. This is one of the most arduous tasks that Her Majesty has during the entire year, but she insists on doing as much as possible herself, and always writes the names, and in many cases some little message on the packages intended for the lucky persons to be honored with gifts.

It is difficult to understand the enormous number of people that Queen Victoria remembers at Christmas. Through her long life she has made a habit of becoming personally acquainted with all her menial servants, and as there must be several hundred at her various palaces, and on the different estates, the task of choosing a present for each one is alone an immense amount of labor.

Then the Queen gives presents to her ladies in waiting, her chambermaids, her maids of honor, to the noblemen and gentlemen of her household, to the Colonels of regiments, of guards and especially favored corps, to the various ladies who were formerly in the household, and several of the bishops and the ladies of their families, and, of course, to all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There are twenty-four great grandchildren of the Queen, and a few of the Oigs of Russia, only a few weeks old, and a son of the Duke of York, born to-day.

But the list of the Queen's presents does not end with her attendants and relatives. Every sovereign in Europe exchanges presents at this time, and the Queen's presents to the great nobles of England also claim the privilege of giving and receiving from their sovereign. In honor of the great festival of the Christmas year.

Not only are all the secretaries, maids of honor and other gentry of the household employed in packing and addressing, but two or three of the Queen's daughters and grand-daughters make a point of visiting their mother and the Queen, and thousands of suitable gifts from trades people are taken up to Windsor Castle and arranged on the tables for the Queen to make her choice.

Her Majesty does not give very expensive gifts, except under exceptional circumstances. Brooches and pins of thin gold and jewelry, the Queen's initials in turquoise or pearls or in seed diamonds are very usual presents to nobles and upper servants.

The maids of honor receive something pretty in the way of handkerchiefs or collars, and a favored duke or minister of State is sent a box of the Queen's particular brand of Turkey or special brand of whiskey. The cups, with cards attached to their handles, are given to the Queen's not uncommon souvenirs, received by ladies of rank, who, at some time, served in the household.

Cigarette cases and boxes of cigars go to the officers. Books and choice engravings and bits of the Queen's autograph are sent to her cousins and Princesses. The households in all the royal palaces are supplied with handkerchiefs and the footmen, socks, neckties or other useful articles.

To the children of the Queen Her Majesty's grandchildren and great-grandchildren are sent dolls and toys of a not too expensive description, but all are such as delight the eyes of the little ones.

In addition, the Queen sends over 100 receive a nice little gift of pocket money, always in bright golden sovereigns and brand new shillings, treated to the coming new year.

To all the relations the Queen herself writes. With love from the Queen, or some equally homely message of that sort. To the persons of rank is invariably inscribed, nearly always in the Queen's handwriting: "From the Queen, with best wishes." To the persons of rank is invariably inscribed, nearly always in the Queen's handwriting: "From the Queen, with best wishes." To the persons of rank is invariably inscribed, nearly always in the Queen's handwriting: "From the Queen, with best wishes."

The dethroned French princess and princesses send many boxes of presents, from the royal palaces come boxes of usually oranges, olives and a special box of onions grown on a small farm which the Queen Regent owns in the vicinity of Madrid.

The Sultan of Turkey may forget her Majesty this year, but he usually sends a parcel of Turkish rugs, and the Shah of Persia seldom forgets to forward a shawl or two.

The presents, however, which give the Queen real pleasure are the little hand-made trifles from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has any number of badly made pin cushions, pen holders, uncomfortable slippers, irritating pulse warmers and useless watch pockets, but she is always delighted to receive more of them.

A DEFIANT CAPTIVE.

In Jail and Sixty-Six Indictments Do Not Terrify Him.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Thirty-one more indictments were returned to-day against A. K. Ward by the Grand Jury, making a total of sixty-six and amounting to \$100,000. In Chancery Court Ward refused to give any testimony in the case, and he is now pending against him, and stated that the threat of contempt of court and going to jail for ten years for him, he was already in jail.

A CERTAIN CURE FOR PILES.

A New Preparation, Safe, Painless, Convenient and Lasting Cure for This Troublesome Disease.

We do not intend to endorse any except articles of real merit. We therefore take pleasure in calling attention to a new pile cure which has been remarkably successful in curing every form of itching, bleeding or protruding piles. The remedy is known as the Pyramid Pile Cure and is recommended by the best medical authorities on account of its absolute safety, ease of application and instant relief from pain.

The Pyramid Pile Cure contains no opium or other poison and does not interfere with daily occupation while using. People who believed nothing but a surgical operation would cure them have been astonished at the results from a 50 cent package of the Pyramid.

Mrs. Mary C. Tyler of Hesper, Ore., writes: One package of Pyramid Pile Cure entirely cured me of piles from which I have suffered for years, and I have never had the slightest return of them since.

Mr. E. O'Brien, Rock Bluff, Neb., says: The package of Pyramid Pile Cure entirely removed every trace of itching piles. I cannot thank you enough for it.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by all druggists at 50 cents and \$1 per package.

Treatise on cause and cure of piles mailed free, addressing Pyramid Co., Albion, N. Y.

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Two fancy colored Turkish Towel Ties.
An all-linen Dresser Scarf, two yards long.
A fancy box of child's Initial Handkerchiefs.
A pair Lamb's Wool Socks, for making Xmas slippers.
A fancy imported Willow Work or large life size made of beechwood, personally acquainted with all her menial servants, and as there must be several hundred at her various palaces, and on the different estates, the task of choosing a present for each one is alone an immense amount of labor.

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Child's Short Dresses,
In White—1 to 4 Year Sizes.

The Grandest Line ever shown by any house anywhere on display Monday.

Being a sample line from a New York importer who caters only to the finest trade. Every Dress among these is a thing of rare beauty, and words cannot do them justice. The whole divided into 3 lots.

A lovely White Dress (worth \$4.00 a dozen at wholesale) only \$1.98.

White Dresses, much handsomer than our (worth \$6.00 a dozen wholesale) at \$3.50.

Very richly embroidered White Dresses—every one a work of art (worth \$5.00 at wholesale), at \$4.75.

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A Complete Shopping Guide

Is for convenience sake embodied in our ad. to-day. We feel that our efforts to shave prices down to the very bottom will make the "Grand-Leader's" Bargains this week extraordinarily attractive.

Jewelry.
Rings at All Prices from 25c to \$125.00.
\$1.98 for Ladies' Solid Gold Set Rings, fancy settings and styles, each one in a nice velvet-lined box—worth up to \$1.25.
Men's Handsome Cameo Set Rings \$2.17 in Solid Gold—worth \$2.50, for...
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White Enamel Toy Furniture.
"The Latest."
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Handkerchiefs.

89c Monday for a box of 12 white handkerchiefs, each one in a nice velvet-lined box—worth up to \$1.25.
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OUT-OF-TOWN

GROVER CLEVELAND'S MOTHER.

She came from Baltimore. Neal was her maiden name. Her husband, Grover's father, was once her school-teacher. He was much older than she, and she was not ambitious. She thought Grover would amount to less than the other children, but she was always so full of love for him that she never let him know it. She always fed her children well, and she was so kind to them that they never knew of her poverty. She was a very good mother, and she was very kind to her children. She was a very good mother, and she was very kind to her children. She was a very good mother, and she was very kind to her children.

Popular Sunday Concert.

The seventh popular Sunday afternoon concert will be rendered this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Music Hall. Mrs. Alfred Ernst, alto, and Mrs. Nellie Brown Stevenson will be the soloists. The programme follows:

PART I.
1. Overture—"Miserere".....Mendelssohn
2. Scherzo from Symphony No. 2.....Brahms
3. Swan—(a) "The Swan".....Saint-Saens
4. Swan—(b) "The Swan".....Saint-Saens

ST. LOUIS MIGHT GO IN AND WIN.

Her Chances for Getting the Democratic Convention.

NEW YORK IS UNCERTAIN.

Chicago Is Looked Upon With an Unfriendly Eye and Louisville Is Nearly Big Enough.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Chairman Harrity's call for the Democratic National Convention to meet here Jan. 18 has been followed by lively gossip as to the proper time for holding the nominating convention. Democratic leaders want it held early. A plan is on foot to have it held at least ten days before the Republican Convention. It has been customary for the party in power to lead off in Presidential years with a platform and a candidate. There should be no departure from this established custom, say politicians about the capitol, so when the committee meets in January the question of an early convention will be urged with more insistence than any other. It is for this reason that the Western Democrats are so anxious to have the convention held in the latter part of May or the first week in June.

ONE HONEST MAN.

Dear Editor:—I have been reading your issue of the 14th inst. and I am very much interested in the article about the honesty of the people. I am a very honest man, and I am very proud of it. I am a very honest man, and I am very proud of it. I am a very honest man, and I am very proud of it.

RELIGIOUS.

Burial Permits.

Ann McCormack, 61, 1115 White, buried. Louise Rollins, 61, 608 S. Broadway, buried. Mrs. Schaefer, 11, 1000 Caroline, buried. Mrs. Schaefer, 11, 1000 Caroline, buried. Mrs. Schaefer, 11, 1000 Caroline, buried.

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A Sworn Statement of Circulation.

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Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., G. W. Jones, Business Manager of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who deposes and says that the regular edition of the Sunday Post-Dispatch the seven previous Sundays, after deducting all spoiled and leftover copies, was as follows:

October 27.....	85,599
November 3.....	85,638
November 10.....	85,288
November 17.....	85,441
November 24.....	87,725
December 1.....	85,874
December 8.....	85,671

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G. W. JONES, Business Manager.
Sworn to and subscribed before me the 15th day of December, 1895.
HARRY M. DUBRING,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.
My term expires Oct. 17, 1896.

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TO OUR READERS—The Sunday Post-Dispatch to-day consists of FORTY PAGES in and for the City of St. Louis and should see that they get the entire paper.

NOW FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The interviews with the members of the Citizens' Committee who secured the National Republican Convention form a substantial foundation for a movement to secure the Democratic National Convention. The campaign has practically been started.

All of the members of the delegation express the strongest confidence in the ability of the city to get the Democratic convention, and are eager to begin vigorous work. There are overwhelming considerations in favor of making the attempt. The securing of the Republican convention affords strong leverage in securing the Democratic convention. All the political reasons which urged the Republicans to come to St. Louis are good in the case of the Democrats and have been strengthened by the decision of the Republicans.

The advantages which St. Louis offered the Republicans have been greatly improved by the capture of the Republican convention. The preparation for the convention will serve for the other. The hall and the telegraph facilities and all the arrangements necessary to entertain the Republicans will be ready for the entertainment of the Democrats. The additional expense of entertaining the convention will be slight, as compared with the total expense of entertaining one.

The Democratic Committee men are reported to be favorable to St. Louis and the favor in which St. Louis was held before the decision of the Republican committee will be increased by the general approval of the wisdom of its selection and the publication of the advantages St. Louis enjoys.

The only cloud in the bright outlook for the second convention is the report that the Administration faction of Democrats in St. Louis will secretly oppose bringing the Democratic convention here. The Post-Dispatch is loath to believe that the leaders of this faction entertain such selfish, narrow and unpatriotic intentions as those imputed to them. We include the hope that if they have such intentions they will throw them aside as unworthy and join heartily in the work of making St. Louis the Convention City of the Union.

ARMENIAN RELIEF WORK.

The wisdom of assigning the task of conveying relief to the Armenians to the American Red Cross Society as a society is questionable.

It is true that no other organization would command more confidence and therefore, more financial support than this organization. It is probably true that no other organization could as safely and satisfactorily distribute relief supplies in any part of Christendom. The organization is thoroughly equipped for relief work; its officers and members have experience and training in their duties; in every part of Christendom the sign of the red cross would command not only protection but aid under all circumstances.

But the Armenian relief work is not to be done in Christendom. It is to be done among fierce tribes and lawless hordes of fanatical Muslims. The sign of the red cross, instead of arousing a sentiment of friendly protection and aid, will arouse a bitterest animosity and fanatical opposition having committed

unpardonable crimes upon the Armenians and having murdered thousands of them for being Christians, the savage Kurds and scarcely less savage Turkish soldiers spare Christian interlopers flaunting red crosses in their faces. It will be a miracle.

Miss Barton may, therefore, well hesitate to undertake the work. It will probably be worse than useless for the district officers to go to Armenia without military protection, because it will involve the further sacrifice of life.

It is hardly possible to send relief to the Armenians now except with a military force capable of dealing with their persecutors. When the powers conclude to take this step the problem of Armenian relief will be solved.

The condition of the Armenians is most pitiful, but pity should not mislead judgment into a useless sacrifice of innocent persons. There is no charity in that.

DR. HEARNE'S "FIXED STARE."

The fact that Dr. Hearne, the defendant in the Stillwell murder case, sits as the prosecuting witness as possible state strongly indicates that he is a student of and a believer in hypnotism.

The fixed stare is one of the most common methods of producing hypnosis, and it is not beyond the realm of possibility that a person of strong will and magnetic power could by this means influence, if not control, a hysterical or hypnotic subject. Even if he did not succeed in producing a distinct hypnotic condition, he might produce an appreciable effect which would result in confusing the mind of the witness.

Scientific investigation has clearly demonstrated this possibility—so clear that no one who has followed the history of the development of the science of hypnotism doubts it. An accused person who attempted to use his eyes or any other available means to influence opposing witnesses would have a strong scientific foundation for a hope of benefiting his case. The chance of one important witness for the prosecution being a favorable hypnotic subject and falling under his influence would well be worth the trial.

In view of the facts scientifically known, the "fixed stare" which Dr. Hearne is reported to attempt keep in the eyes of witnesses is an interesting, and may be an important, factor in his trial. They raise the question of the propriety of a judge's permitting a prisoner free opportunity to try his hypnotic power and devices on witnesses at range close enough to make them effective. That at least suggests to the prosecuting attorneys the advisability of guarding against chances.

TAXATION BY MONOPOLIES.

In a recent speech at Ypsilanti, Mich., Mayor Pingree of Detroit made some telling remarks on the subject of taxation. In criticizing Gov. Rich's taxation policy he pointed out that it was not to be contented because taxation for public necessities had increased under it. As long as public taxation was for public needs and was not beyond the capacity of the people to meet, there was no ground for condemnation.

"But," he observed, "at the very time that Gov. Rich and his aids in the Legislature were raising every appropriate rate for certain public needs of the State of Michigan, they were also assisting the transportation companies to maintain rates of fare and freight, by repressing every effort to lower them and by making no effort to repress trusts and combines."

In result of this policy, Mayor Pingree pointed out, is that the rates for freight and passenger rates on the iron roads and waterways are too excessive to think of making any adequate appropriation of State funds for the common dirt roads of the State.

This condition of things is common to all the States and is a chronic disgrace. As business interests become centralized they are able more and more, under State and Federal laws, to tax the people "all the traffic will bear." The consequence of this is that our taxes for strictly public purposes take on an alarming look and are eagerly evaded by all but persons of true patriotism or those who are too poor to escape.

Unless the monopolies are curbed, the revenues of the States and general government will be steadily encroached upon through this sort of taxation. Even patriotic people cannot endure double taxation indefinitely. Monopoly taxation is sure to result in evasion of legitimate taxation for public necessities.

AN ENDOWED THEATER.

Before approving the suggestion of Sir Henry Irving to establish an endowed or subsidized theater it would be well to inquire into the source of the endowment or subsidy.

The object of an endowed theater is to set up a standard of dramatic production regardless of the demand of the public, or the conditions of speculation. In short, to produce the best, the standard of those who control it, the cost of which education the public invariably declines to defray.

But the question of the standard depends upon the source of the support. If the theater is to be supported by the general government, or the municipality in which it is located, the scheme cannot be approved, for it would then reflect the taste and would have to be managed in deference to the wishes of the men who control the appropriation.

One can imagine the standard of the drama produced and the acting in a theater controlled by Congress or municipal assembly. The conglomeration of dramatic authors with "infocence" and actors with "pulls," of stump-speakers on the stage, which such an endowed theater would produce, would fix a standard of dramatic production for the degradation of the civilized world.

But if the theater is to be endowed by men of wealth who are willing to devote their surplus to elevating the drama and giving genius an opportunity to do good, we say may, because its doing good will depend on the judgment of its management and its freedom from the interference of its backers. For, after all, there is a mutually beneficial influence between the people and the theater. The theater with the highest ideal must be in touch with the people to some extent in order to influence and educate them and in order to

profit by their judgment, which is often better than that of the art elevator. The great point to be kept in view is to have the theater so endowed and managed that it will be free not alone from the degrading effect of speculation, but from the degrading influence of subsidy.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS.

All fair-minded people will admit that a school teacher should be protected while on duty from attacks of outsiders, whether vituperative or in the nature of bodily assault. The vocation of a public school teacher is of such importance to the community that its proper exercise should be surrounded with all the safeguards that law and public opinion can devise. It is impossible for a teacher to maintain discipline or influence over children if parents or others are permitted to interfere in any way during school hours with the teacher's work.

On the other hand, it must not be forgotten that the parent has the first and most sacred claim upon the child, and that when the community insists that the child be given up to discipline during certain hours, it is the duty of the community to insist upon the child receiving such treatment as will leave no sense of dissatisfaction or injustice in the mind of the parent.

All parents in a given school district who are interested in seeing that their children receive proper treatment. We have nothing here similar to the parish system of Europe, nor are teachers in our great cities in fear of "the trustees," as is the case with country schools. All the schools being under one superintendent, we are in the condition of a number of villages federated for educational purposes. As the city grows it will probably be found desirable for parents in the various school districts to co-operate to some extent in exercising more direct influence upon the schools in the several districts.

Meanwhile, parents should not forget that the Superintendent of Public Schools is bound to take all complaints under consideration, and that the Post-Dispatch is always ready to lend its help to redress any real grievance. With this in mind, they should leave teachers to do their work in peace.

There is a good deal of talk about the bill before the Iowa Legislature which permits a wife to get a divorce from her husband if he "neglects to properly provide for her comfort." In the definition of "proper" provision there is supposed to be the peril of separate innuendo. There is no one to whom the sufficient failure to provide costly furs and big diamonds.

Miss Lathin, the clerk of the two Federal Courts at Springfield, says she let out her male assistants and employees because the men were too slow. This is an alarming statement. If women have become stronger or more active than men, the masculine labor market will become duller than ever.

It would be well if both conventions were to be held in St. Louis and the delegates could be shown all over Imperial Missouri. Thousands of people in other communities have no conception of the wonderful resources and marked advantages of this great State.

The Rev. Dr. Riker of Wheeling is denouncing society women and the wives of rich men generally for their disinclination to motherhood. Possibly a sermon on this subject from some of the lady pulpits would attract more attention than Dr. Riker's denunciations.

St. Louis bank clearings show a decided tendency of business to maintain improvement over last year to the end of this year. The increase of the clearings of last week over those of the clearings of the corresponding week of last year was \$3,048,463.

Mayor Strong's opinion that no child should permit itself to be born unless its parents are able to provide it with clothes, food, shelter and reasonable enjoyment is undoubtedly correct, but it will scarcely reach the babies in time to do them any good.

It may seem rather stormy for its esteemed contemporaries when the Post-Dispatch snow-flakes are falling, but at this time of year such weather may be looked for. In fact, evidences of the Post-Dispatch will be seen at all seasons in St. Louis.

It is said to have to quote a lady who says "such little matters as divorces and church rows are only every-day occurrences." We may well say that such matters are making when every-day occurrences have come to this?

It is to be hoped that the time of the new bicycle fifty feet per hour will not be attempted in town. The sprightliest citizen would be rubbed out before he could get out of the way, not to mention what might happen to the rider.

There is no doubt about the aristocratic tendencies of women, but it is not clear that in a larger field their minds would not expand and take them beyond some absurdities. Aristocracy is essentially narrow and unreflexing.

Statistics say that there is one drinking place for every ninety-three men in the United States. When the new woman gets fairly into politics, what will be the effect on these figures?

The number 13 is no omen of ill when it is brought into play by a really solid community. The delegation of thirteen that captured the convention could not have accomplished more had it been larger or smaller.

"Move up, there! Move up, there!" cries the car conductor to the packed passengers. But it is the car company that should move up to the demands of the times.

The captured Alabama moonshiner who has killed eleven deputy marshals will now have no opportunity to put the finishing touches to his cemetery.

The Columbia students who want Bob Ingersoll are young. Twenty years from now they will have a little love for Col. Bob as the faculty has shown.

The misanthrope of the pessimist is to show that every blessing has a sting to it and

that the string never keeps the blessing from flying away.

There seems to be a lack of room on earth for paupers living or dead. Perhaps they will not be so crowded in the world to come.

Possibly when that pistol went off in Constantinople the other day the excited populace imagined the Sultan had been "fired."

Perhaps it is the President's scheme to bring in ducks sufficient to meet all the demands of the coming round of state dinners.

There have been high words about the sky-scrapers, but no disputant should allow himself to get into a towering passion.

Herr Ahlwardt will go back with the opinion that this country's poultry product is considerably over-developed.

He who keeps an account of the good and evil of this world will find that his books never balance.

Pure meat and pure milk are both possible, but this is not saying we shall get them shortly.

Mr. Nagel should never weary of hammering home economical truths in city government.

Death does not end all. The Tokyo medical student makes the Anish.

Payroll claims would soon lay the city in the financial morgue.

Nothing tries a wheelman so much as a proposition to tax him.

Sherman's book has already reached a sale of 127,000 copies. The Senator gets a copy for every book sold.

William F. Porter, the noted maker of women's gloves, died in New York Tuesday. He lived in Chicago at the time of the great fire. He invented a fastening for gloves that made him worth a million.

The Emperor of Austria smokes so-called "Virginia cigars," which, being manufactured in the United States, are sold in Trieste, have straw running through them to make them draw, and are so green that they have to be held in a flame for several minutes to light.

Samuel Davis, the richest Hebrew in Canada, who died in Montreal recently, was an extensive wholesale cigar and tobacco dealer, and was interested in many of the most profitable projects connected with Canada and the Northwest. His wealth is computed at \$5,000,000.

Henry E. Cooper, who has been recently qualified as Minister of Foreign Affairs in Honolulu, although a native of Indiana, was born and educated in Boston. He was admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1879, and soon afterward removed to San Diego. In 1880 he settled in Honolulu.

WOMEN OF NOTE.

Six of the South African millionaires are said to owe \$100,000 among them. Mrs. Richard Bell is the richest, with \$500,000.

The ex-Empress Frederick of Germany, in her early married life, embroidered a piece of tapestry, on which all her children knelt when christened; the late Emperor's coffin rested upon it; the present German Emperor, Frederick, and his wife, Sophia and Victoria, were married standing on it.

Princess Waldemar, wife of the youngest brother of the Princess of Wales, is a courageous woman. At Copenhagen recently, when a fire started in a building adjoining her residence, she borrowed a fireman's helmet, mounted a wall and assisted in extinguishing the flames.

Mrs. Bibbs Custer, widow of Gen. Custer, has just learned that she is the owner of a piece of Toledo property. It was formerly owned by her aunt, Mrs. Williams. When the latter died she willed the property to Mrs. Custer, but she had learned of the fact and it was sold for taxes. She has now begun suit to recover the title.

SMILES BETWEEN SERMONS.

Wives, be good to your husbands. There is an epidemic of missing men—Aitchison Globe.

"Do you believe there are microbes in a kiss?" She: "I really don't know. I always close my eyes."—Yonkers Statesman.

Wife—"The papers say elephants were never as cheap as now." Hubby—"Well, don't you go and buy me one for Christmas."—Chicago Post.

The Double Vision—"I think you've got your nerves" exclaimed the wife with asperity. "to come home drunk and accuse me of being two-faced."—Detroit Tribune.

"Oh, dear," sighed the young matron, "I'm dreadfully worried about the children. I don't see why directions for use don't come with them as they do with everything else."—Chicago Post.

Everything in stock—Mrs. Highgate (dreamily)—"I wish to select a painting for the north-west corner of my parlor." Dealer (friskily)—"Yes, madam. James, show the lady Sena's last marine." The Nonconformist.—New York Weekly.

Municipal Electric Light Ownership. From the Birmingham Post. The following figures, compiled by Prof. Parsons, and published in the Arena, are interesting. They show the cost, in a number of cities, of an electric lamp for one year before municipal ownership and after:

	Before.	After.
Bangor, Me.....	\$1.50	34c
Leveid, Me.....	1.25	12c
Peabody, Mass.....	1.25	12c
Bay City, Mich.....	1.10	34c
Huntington, Ind.....	1.40	16c
Colum, Ind.....	1.25	77c
Chicago, Ill.....	1.25	34c
Huntington, W. Va.....	1.25	34c
Aurora, Ill.....	1.25	34c
Fairfield, Io.....	1.25	34c

What Congressmen Read. From the Washington Post. "What books are the most popular with the new Congressmen? I asked a book-seller."

"Books on etiquette," he answered. "The demand is so great we cannot fill it. We sold twenty such books yesterday, and I have to-day sent a large order to my publisher. At this rate my stock will soon be exhausted."

A Point in Scripture. From the Chicago Tribune. There is, for instance, in the argument that the world has a good right to get out a Bible as King James had, but King James did not call him a man's Bible.

All the Conventions. From the Washington Post. St. Louis will probably have the largest National Convention week.

THE PASSING SHOW.

Did you remark how some solid St. Louisians went on to Washington and secured the Republican National Convention for St. Louis?

They did it in such a quiet, systematic and effective manner that it was a pleasure to read the story of their work—just like reading of a "crack" foot ball team so thoroughly trained that it doesn't need to make a hullabaloo to reach the goal.

Did you notice, also, that both Republicans and Democrats composed this team of convention-getters?

Well, you're going to see the same sort of delegation go out after the Democratic National Convention and get that, too.

And then, with both national conventions gathering in St. Louis, the next thing you'll see will be the fight for Missouri.

For that's what it's coming to. The Republican party is not going to rally in St. Louis for its health alone—it's out for the electoral vote of the Imperial State of Missouri.

And then it seems a sort of confidence game on Nature's part to have allowed Mr. Porter to go around all his life thinking he had a "full hand," anatomically speaking, only to learn, when investigated, that it was, literally, "open in the middle."

There's one thing I especially like about the entertainment of the great delegates leading up to the Bush-Von Gontard nuptials, and that's the prominence that has been given to the brewery, the source of Mr. Bush's big fortune.

This is not because I have any particular fondness for beer-drinking, but I like to see a man who isn't ashamed of the business that made him rich—who hasn't fallen a victim to the Anglomaniac shibboleth of "think the shop."

If the shop gives you what you have in life, why, stick to it. It's a poor man in the democratic country who's ashamed of his trade.

The first place to which Von Gontard was taken upon his arrival in St. Louis was the brewery. The most striking features of the brewer's life are the cleanliness and the illuminations of the brewery. One of the most effective spectacles of the wedding week will be the floral and bunting decorations of the brewery. And a special jollification in celebration of the wedding is to be given by employees of the brewery.

There's downright honesty and manliness in this.

So the St. Louis School Board is in another fight! Well, what would our school directors do but for these little Kilgus diversions among themselves?

Surely, however, they are carrying entirely too far their conception of their duty of "teaching the young idea how to shoot." I sincerely hope the school children of St. Louis are not looking to the members of the School Board for examples of good behavior. If they are, Chief Harrison's plea for more policemen should be favorably acted upon at once, and this city prepare for a generation of the liveliest and most picturesque Missourians ever known in its history.

I like American plays—that is, genuine American plays, racy of the soil and therefore, with a right to curiosity, to see the dramatized version of Mark Twain's "Pudd'nhead Wilson," which comes here this week.

I read the story as it appeared in serial form and didn't like it much, but it has a genuine story situation, decidedly melodramatic plot, and it's the only play presenting it can only manage to throw into it the genuine atmosphere of life in a Mississippi River town that belongs to it, why, then, it should be a real American success.

And I'd like to see such a success achieved, because Mark Twain draws royalties from the play, and Mark Twain's financial broken now, and he has entertained entirely too many Americans with true American humor.

Thomas Brackett Reed speaks of Harrison as "an ice wagon," and that's true. But there's no need of having the Democrats holding a cowardly line of action as Speaker of the House to avoid possible mistakes that might militate against his Presidential chances.

McKinley is charged with trying to secure a "corner" on St. Louis hotel accommodations in order to run a campaign on the "bed of a bed for a vote."

Morton of New York is scheming to nail slippery Tom Platt down to a distinct promise and pledge to support him in the St. Louis convention.

Even Miss Quay feels called upon to rush into print with a beautiful disclaimer that he (Quay) is a candidate for the Presidential nomination. He's not good enough, he says, with downcast eyes.

Verily, the political pot is beginning to boil.

Senator John Sherman stands on the horizon's edge taking valiant pot-shots at everything in sight.

Sherman will be the scalp-hunter of '96.

In the midst of all this gathering of the political clans for battle, died Allen G. Thurston of Ohio.

Peace to his ashes.

The sturdy Old Roman came nearest teaching the people what true Democracy meant than any other statesman of his time—the Democracy that keeps a public man poor and honest and incorruptible and close to the common people all his life.

A Democracy of Democrats like Thurston would make a mighty strong party in this country just now, if the people once became aware of the honesty of the leaders.

How does the passing of the old year affect you?

I must confess that the dreary days of December are somewhat depressing in their influence upon my spirits. They tend to be very gloomy days, but they're not now.

So much that was hoped for hasn't come to pass, you know. It's the same old story of course, but it grows monotonous after a time. One or two of the milestones, at least, should be brightened up when we get to them. Don't you think?

But what's the odds? Let's fall all at the world together in this, our "dark hour," and then go out and buy Christmas things and be merry. Maybe we'll be just as the numbers, and that's a duty we owe to one another, at any rate.

I can't imagine anything sadder than a honeymoon passed in a one-story frame cottage, with the big bulls dogs on guard in front to keep the bride's father off the premises.

This is the way Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Louis are spending their honeymoon.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

(The Post-Dispatch does not hold itself responsible for any opinions or statements of facts in these letters. It is a free parliament.)

Uncle Tom on Ahlwardt.

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch. Every man has a right to express his opinion. To have said, Herr Ahlwardt is an ass. Well he has and his tribe of would-be assassins half as good as the people whom they would turn would be the rule.

Christ was a Jew—the best man that ever lived—and to hear one of his pretended followers denounce the kin of Joseph and Mary is worse than to hear one of his pretended followers denounce the kin of Joseph and Mary.

Herr Ahlwardt, the long-eared and short-sighted, is out of his element under the stars and stripes. He should return to the country the colors of which are black, yellow and white, while with the line of morality of its rulers and so-called nobility, red with the blood of innocent and foolish victims who were murdered in wars waged in the interests of avarice, robbery, libelous and barons of industry.

St. Louis, Dec. 14. UNCLE TOM.

The Donkey Invited.

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch. "Having a spare elephant, I will now send for the donkey and the tiger. No circus is complete without them."—Chicago Journal and Press, 12th inst.

The donkey is a creature of no account. He is offered by St. Louis to the editor of this a questionable journal and to come to a St. Louisian in the PURGATORY, Chicago, Ill., Dec. 13.

What Is Charity?

To the Editor of The Post-Dispatch. The Chicago Chronicle, which is a pretty good people's paper, had a striking cartoon "Ball" in Chicago, representing a man handing down money from some dancers in a saloon to a poor man, who is starving in a doorway. The cartoon is a good one, but it is a pity that the idea of charity there given with this cartoon is that if an artist had missed the truth said.

The charity ball is a mockery. It is one of the worst products of modern civilization. To enable women to shine at balls, money must be spent alongside of the pitiful money which is needed for the relief of the destitute in the distant future, when at some time has made destitution among deserving men and women, who are now suffering, the charity ball of this age is responsible as a piece of horrible barbarism.

St. Louis, Dec. 14. C. O. G.

Poor Street Car Accommodation.

A PIANO IN EVERY HOME

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25 Per Cent Discount This Week

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GIFT OF A MILLION

Miss Helen Culver's Donation to Chicago University.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 14.—Miss Helen Culver, of Chicago, has donated to the University of Chicago a collection of musical instruments, including a grand piano, a grand organ, and a variety of other instruments.

devoted to the increase and spread of knowledge within the field of the biological sources. Miss Culver is about fifty years of age, and some years since inherited the estate of her uncle, Charles J. Hull, whose

anywhere from \$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00, carrying out the ideas and honoring the memory of her uncle, whose name will be borne by all of the buildings to be erected.

Suit of Annie B. Berg Against the Sedalia School Board.
Special to The Post-Dispatch.
SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Annie B. Berg, 223 E. 12th st., has been arrested and placed in jail here after strong threats of mobbing him to-night. Great crowds are gathering on the streets and much excitement prevails. The trouble mainly arises over an abuse of the liquor law, and partly through politics.

The Novel Club will hold its next meeting in the Non-Sectarian Church Tuesday evening, Dec. 17. The evening will be devoted to a review of "With the Procession" by Miss Caroline Ashcroft; essay, "Are the Novels of Today Worth While," by Mr. Wm. For.

venue law passed by the last Legislature, giving the plaintiff the right to refuse the selection by the court of some member of the bar or the election of one of its members by the bar as special Judge.

Damage Seeking Policemen Dismiss as to the Sheriff.

Police Officers Dewar, O'Brien and Murphy, who are suing Judge David Murphy

This was made necessary by the action of Judges Wood and Russell in sustaining the demurrer of the Sheriff and overruling Judge Murphy's demurrer. The action of the judges was indeed

PARIS, Tex., Dec. 14.—J. St. Robert & Co., a brokerage firm, failed to-day. No statement of liabilities was made, although it is thought that the total will aggregate quite a sum, as numerous speculators

disappeared. Belcher was placed in the custody of the Sheriff upon a charge of misappropriation of funds on a warrant sworn out by a member of a local cotton firm.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heart Eating. A cure.

GREENUP. Dec. 14.—The shooting tournament of the Greenup Gun Club, under the auspices of W. Frank Erwin of this city, was held last evening. The best shot was Frank Erwin of this city. Frank Erwin shot at the Greenup Gun Club, under the auspices of W. Frank Erwin of this city, was held last evening. The best shot was Frank Erwin of this city.

OUR SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE OF SEASONABLE MILLINERY!

1500 Stylish Hats, every one of them a gem of beauty, trimmed specially for this big week, will be put on sale for the first time Monday morning. No bankrupt stock, no down-town bargain counter trash, but all bright, new and up-to-date fresh goods, trimmed in advance styles for this grand occasion. We boast that there is not a piece of cotton ribbon, or a shoddy felt hat, or an inferior fancy feather in our entire mammoth stock, and barring a few mourning goods there is not a hat in our entire establishment which has been trimmed over five days. We could not sell you an undesirable hat at any price—there is not one in our entire display. Enormous rents prevent down-town concerns from meeting our exceedingly low prices.











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GOSSIP OF THE WHEELING WORLD.

Great Interest Manifested in the Models of 1896.

THE LOCAL CYCLING SHOW.

Kennett and Sterling Clubs Elect New Officers—L. A. W. National Politics Have Commenced to Sizzle.

The few days of good cycling weather brought out the local cyclists in great numbers the past week, but the snow and rain put an end to comfortable riding for the time being. Preparations are going on among the clubs for a long list of festivities that will fill out the winter, and the cycle show in February is a much discussed topic, both in trade and club circles.

The makers are busy getting out 1896 models, and those of the local dealers who already have a stock of these goods on hand are reaping a rich harvest. Never before has the demand for new patterns been as great in December as now, and although the factories are working full time, it is very likely that the supply will fall short of the demand. The scarcity of tubing in causing many makers much uneasiness and the advance in prices of this article indicate that the standard price of \$100 for high-grade tubing will be maintained for another year. Among the many novelties promised for next season will be a wooden handle bar, which is said to absorb a great deal, if not all, the vibration, causing less fatigue to the hands of the long distance riders. The narrow tread feature will also be maintained, and the leading manufacturers are working on the quarter inch standard for the coming season. No change in the line of frame construction and general outline will be observable the coming year with the products of the most advanced makers. The results of the last season have proved so satisfactory in demonstrating that further change in general design is unnecessary, that the leaders in the trade have given their attention exclusively almost to the perfection of detail in the aid of friction reduction. Extensive improvements in bearings will be made and another running qualities and consequent easier propulsion will result.

St. Louis Cycle Show.

Now that the local Cycle Board of Trade have agreed to the rules and regulations governing the proposed cycle show, as adopted by the Associated Cycling Clubs, the affair is put firmly on its feet and success is assured. All the arranging details and many requests for space have been made, and the local Board of Trade Committee is having plans made to insure the placing of at least forty-four spaces in Municipal Hall, the contract being made for the use of the hall for the purpose of holding the show from the National Board of Trade. The show will be held on the days of the week selected are February 20, 21 and 22. Two days prior to the opening of the show the grounds will be cleared to get their stands in shape and no delay will be permitted under any circumstances. The magnitude of the undertaking can be judged by the statement that the expense for music alone is \$10,000, and the entire expense of the show held last year.

South Side Club Notes.

Last Sunday all the new officers were formally installed and instructed as to their respective duties. President Butler made a stirring address, urging them to put forth their best efforts for the most prosperous year ever enjoyed by the club.

Vice-President Wright, who has assumed the duties of Chairman of the House Committee and one of his first moves will be to gather up all the local magazines and have them bound as a nucleus for a club library.

The following members have been appointed to have charge of the club rooms on days named: Monday, H. B. Brown; Tuesday, Secretary, L. A. W. National; Wednesday, Treasurer, M. H. Brown; Thursday, President, Butler; Friday, Secretary, L. A. W. National; Saturday, L. A. W. National; Sunday, T. B. Wright.

The afternoon of Dec. 16 is reserved for the annual business meeting of the club, to be held in the club rooms at the club house.

Kennett Club Meetings.

A well-attended meeting of the Kennett Cycling Club was held Thursday last, at which the following officers were elected: President, H. B. Brown; Vice-President, T. B. Wright; Secretary, E. J. Brandt; Treasurer, C. Sterling; Captain, J. L. Hemp; Lieutenants, F. Costello and Bert Sarazin; D. W. Robert, M. R. Windhorst and A. Thurner were elected as delegates to the Associated Cycling Clubs. On Thursday evening there will be a debate at the clubrooms on the subject of "The Organization of Bicycles." The new officers elected at the last meeting are: Charles Hoefner, President; Louis Dietz, Vice-President; Fred Uthoff, Secretary; J. P. Steinbock, Treasurer; John R. Bunt, Captain; Louis McCreary and O. R. Kirk, Lieutenants. Five new members were admitted. The club is on the still hunt for more commodious quarters, as the present are too small.

Cycling Chat.

E. E. Anderson has returned to the city to spend the winter. The Century Road Club was held last Tuesday, but nothing of importance was done.

On Thursday the adjourned meeting of the Kennett Cycling Club will be held to elect officers for the coming year. The meeting will be held at the residence of Edward Grath, which takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the residence of one of the most popular cyclists in the city.

Cycling Chat.

St. Louis Northrup is still booming the most attractive and profitable of the winter and on last Thursday the committee entertained Sprinkling Superintendent, Berch, H. B. Brown, Commissioner Stone and a number of others at the Mercantile Club. The committee have arranged for the year and nearly all the club captains are at work on plans to increase the attendance at their respective clubs.

A. J. W. Representative J. W. Thompson of St. Louis has resigned and the position will be offered to E. H. Shepherd of Berkeley, who has done good work for the cause of the winter.

A good joke on one of the local dealers who was exhibiting a new wheel at the Guards, to show what the fork crown of the wheel would stand the agent put a brick wall. There was a sharp report and after the wheel and fork crown had been found to be a broken fork crown and a broken front wheel. A loud laugh ensued, and the agent, who was a bit of a humorist, disappeared, a much sadder but wiser man.

The committee on the proposed cycle show, which is now being arranged by the local Board of Trade, is having plans made to insure the placing of at least forty-four spaces in Municipal Hall, the contract being made for the use of the hall for the purpose of holding the show from the National Board of Trade. The show will be held on the days of the week selected are February 20, 21 and 22. Two days prior to the opening of the show the grounds will be cleared to get their stands in shape and no delay will be permitted under any circumstances. The magnitude of the undertaking can be judged by the statement that the expense for music alone is \$10,000, and the entire expense of the show held last year.

FOSTER'S BOOKS WERE LOSERS.

Betting Ring at Sportsman's Park Has Not Been a Winner.

THE SUCKERS ARE SCARCE.

Real Reason Why Outside Bookmakers Will Be Allowed to Do Business This Week.

Outside books will be allowed to cut in at Sportsman's Park Monday. According to the track managers this announcement is due to the increased patronage of the public and a desire to better the play by creating competition in the ring. It may be possible that Foster has such a self-sacrificing motive in view, but the impression among well-poised turfmen is that the bookmaking game at Sportsman's Park has not been a winning venture, and Foster has decided to give it up.

Claw and McConnell were ostensibly the lessees of the ring. They paid \$200 a day for the privilege. Claw is believed to have represented Foster's interest, and a certain local sewing machine agent is said to be McConnell's financial backer. The books have been run about as tight as possible to make them, and accordingly the betting has not been good enough to produce the profits expected by the lessees. Very little money has been handled, and when the betting is light the books cannot win anything to speak of.

Foster seems to have realized this and now wants to get out of the business. He was unwilling to run the chance he had even under favorable circumstances the winter of 1894-5, and he is not likely that Sportsman's Park can support over four bookmakers. The amount received from the books will not be over \$400. The gate receipts are small and the profit is very little. The profits are being made out of the foreign pool rooms. They each pay \$10 per day to Foster, and there is no telling how many give up.

FIVE FAVORITES BEATEN.

Another Great Day for the Bookies at Foster's Track.

For the third time this week five favorites were defeated in professional order at Sportsman's Park Saturday. A fair crowd was in attendance at the track and the book makers retained about all the money bet with them. There were several close finishes, but the spectators who had bet on the favorites were disappointed. The results of the races were as follows:

First race, five furlongs—Emperor Billie (J. Davis), 2 to 1; Mamie S. (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; second, Update (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; third, Time (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; fourth, Little Adie, Nellie K. and Virginia H., ran.

Second race, four and one-half furlongs—Dixie D. (J. Davis), 3 to 1; first, The Surgeon (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; second, Boy (J. Thompson), 4 to 1; third, Time, 1 to 2; fourth, McInerney, Ceyron and Van Zant ran.

Third race, five and one-half furlongs—Bob Boy (J. Davis), 2 to 1; second, Trifling (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; third, Time, 1 to 2; fourth, McInerney, Ceyron and Van Zant ran.

Fourth race, four furlongs—Trifling (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; second, Time, 1 to 2; third, McInerney, Ceyron and Van Zant ran.

Fifth race, one mile—Julius (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; first, Livingson (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; second, Ballard (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; third, Time, 1 to 2; fourth, Mackey, Kenwood and Tom Jones ran.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

The Chimes Made a Big Killing With Jim Flood.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—Nineteenth day Crescent City Jockey Club meeting. Cloudy and cool. Track fast. The special race of the day was the Pry-Monopoly handicap, which was landed cleverly by Irvin and China's good old, Jim Flood, who opened down to 2 to 1, and was backed down to 1 to 1.

First race, selling, one mile—Miss Perkins (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; second, Time (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; third, Update (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; fourth, McInerney, Ceyron and Van Zant ran.

Second race, five and one-half furlongs—Bob Boy (J. Davis), 2 to 1; second, Trifling (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; third, Time, 1 to 2; fourth, McInerney, Ceyron and Van Zant ran.

Third race, four furlongs—Trifling (J. Thompson), 3 to 1; second, Time, 1 to 2; third, McInerney, Ceyron and Van Zant ran.

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ED HANLON HERE.

The Famous Oarsman Will Give an Exhibition on the River To-Day.

IN ONE ROUND.

"Denver" Ed Smith Stopped Mike Quenna in Short Order.

Special to The Post-Dispatch.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 14.—"Denver" Ed Smith knocked out Quenna, the Chicago Stock Yard giant, in one round in the Wiggins Davis Wigwam in this city, to-night. He was about to do the same thing with Jerry Slattery of Nevada when the police interfered and made the boxers put on nine-ounce gloves and come down to peaceful proceedings. Smith fought three rounds each in this manner with Slattery and Eugene, the champion middle-weight of the South. When Smith was informed to-night that Billy Thompson of Cincinnati wanted to match him against Peter Maher in a case Fitzsimmons failed to come to the scales, he said he would accept Thompson's proposition, and was ready to meet Maher at any time. He says he will face Corbett and Fitzsimmons, too, if they desire it.

FOUGHT EIGHT ROUNDS.

Ridley Defeated Bennett in a Hot Fight at Peoria.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 14.—The morning Ed Peoria, in Tawse County, was the scene of a prize fight between George Bennett and Ridley. The fight was witnessed by over 1000 people and was one of the hottest ever fought in this vicinity.

ASSOCIATION FOOT BALL.

The St. Louis League Has Three Games Scheduled for To-Day.

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MERCHANTS' LEAGUE CLUB.

Preparations Under Way for a Big Love Feast in Music Hall.

The Merchants' League Club is fitting up elegant and spacious quarters at the south east corner of Eighteenth and Olive streets. The club will be ready for occupancy within 10 days.

On Tuesday evening, January 21, the club will give a grand musicale at the Grand Music Hall. Speakers of national reputation have been secured and a musical and dramatic program of prime excellence will be an added attraction. Marshal Lee W. Phillips will announce the complete program for the entertainment in a few days.

TELEGRAPHIC POOL-ROOM.

Filmy Pretense at Dodging the State Statute Against Gambling.

Foreign betting by telegraph now being conducted at St. Louis, and especially at Pine, Missouri, is a thing of the past. It is a thing of the past because the State Statute Against Gambling, which prohibits book-making or pool-selling in this State outside of the enclosure of a race track, and especially forbids betting transactions on events run outside of the State, is being enforced.

The Pine street game, which has been going on for some time, is being broken up. The place is a pool room and a pool room is being broken up. The place is a pool room and a pool room is being broken up.

Rifle and Pistol Club.

The Missouri Rifle and Pistol Club opened their season last night at the Grand Music Hall. The club is a new one and is very popular.

Disputed Foot Ball Game.

SPECIAL TO THE POST-DISPATCH.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 14.—The Springfield Academy foot ball game of Jacksonville and Springfield was a very close one. The game was played at the Springfield Academy and was a very close one.

CHESS SUPREMACY.

The Greatest Contest of the Age Now in Progress in Russia.

INTER-COLLEGIATE CHESS.

The Annual Tournament Will Commence in New York Dec. 26.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 14.—Arrangements have been completed for the annual inter-collegiate chess tournament which will take place in the rooms of the Harvard School, New York, on Dec. 26 and continue about five days. The competing colleges will be Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia. Representation will be selected from the successful players of the chess tournaments now in progress at the various universities.

HARRY DIDDLEBOCK.

He Will Manage the St. Louis Browns Next Season.

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Centenary M. E. Church Has an Interesting History— Its Sturdy Old Pastor.

It was under these men as pastors that the movement was inaugurated to establish a Centenary Church. The church was not formally organized until 1882, when the Fourth street church composed the organization. The Fourth street church was a small congregation, but it was the nucleus of the ambition of the projectors of the new church. For \$10,000 a lot was purchased on the southwest corner of Pine and Fifth (now Broadway) streets, and the building was named by the Ladies' Aid, then called the "Female Association," after the wife of the late Dr. Truiston Park, once Governor of Missouri; William Burk, of H. Gay, James Taber and John Smith, of Philadelphia. Some of these are dead, but the widow of one and the daughter of another are still living. The founders of the church survive and remain members of the church. Three of the original members are still living in the church. They are Mrs. Truiston Park, Mrs. H. Gay, and Mrs. Taber. Mrs. Taber and Mrs. Mary Shelton, who was a daughter of William Burk, Mrs. Hebeiah Southard, and John Smith, of Philadelphia, have also been a member since almost the earliest days of the church. Mrs. Southard, now nearly 80 years old, never misses a service. The cornerstone of old Centenary Church was laid in 1882, and the church was dedicated. While the church was being built services were conducted by local preachers, and the church was purchased from the Presbyterians for that purpose. In October, 1882, the Rev. J. C. Burdette, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Louisville, was called to Centenary from Kentucky, by which time the lower floor intended for the Sunday school had been completed. The services were thereafter held there until December 18, 1882, when the church was dedicated. The church has since that time been completely united with the other churches of the city.

pastor of the old Centenary, who was the preaching in Baltimore, was transferred to the new church, and the old Centenary so as to be ready for the dedication of the new church, doubtless to his satisfaction. The first service was held in the Sunday-school room, then just finished, at May, 1871, when the main audience room was dedicated. The Rev. W. V. Tudor, J. W. Lewis, John Matthews, E. Carradine and E. H. Werling. Dr. Tudor assisted twice, in 1871 and 1872. Dr. Werling assisted in the seventh year of two terms with one interval between the fourth and fifth years. Did and New Centenary were both in the same hands, and were constant among them Dr. William A. Smith, one of the greatest preachers of the South, and Dr. W. V. Tudor, a Marylander, a

The **Parsonage and Home Missionary Society** does a great work at home and abroad. Material assistance is rendered to the poor in local charitable and mission work in relieving the needy and visiting the sick. The members of the society are not confined to the church membership. The society employs Mrs. J. P. Urner, a lady of fine literary attainments, as a literary missionary. She makes daily written reports over the city, and three officers of the society help struggling churches and poorly paid preachers throughout the West. The officers are: President, W. W. D. Barnes, Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Baker, Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Baker. The **Woman's Missionary Society** is an Auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Society, and does a large amount of work in the city and abroad. The officers are: President, Mrs. C. H. Baker, Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Baker, Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Baker.

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from 1888 to 1894, with great success, taking in over 1,200 members. After two years spent at St. John's Church, he was turned to Centenary where he is now filling the third year of his second term. He is a man of large congregations uniformly, and a man of large audiences uniformly. It is contrary to the experience of most churches that his evening congregations are even larger than those of the morning. And while in most congregations the ladies constitute the majority of the church two-thirds of the audience are men. Part of this may be due to the fact that the ladies are more susceptible to the hotel and restaurant influences, but much of it is due to the electric influence of his personality and his earnestness. The strength and magnetism of his personality is the cause of his success.

C. A. will spend Sunday in Hammond, La., where he will preach at the First Baptist church.

Rev. Francis L. Ferguson, D. D., pastor of the West Presbyterian Church, will teach his morning on "The Paschal Offering."

In the evening on "Ten Commandments," Rev. J. H. McCallister, pastor of the St. Louis Episcopal League Union will be the speaker.

The Epworth League of the First Methodist Church Thursday evening. There he reports and all address by Rev. J. H. McCallister.

A social will be held, followed by an entertainment with the photographs, under the auspices of the Epworth League.

The Flaming Cedar congregation Church, pastor, Rev. Dr. Burnham, will preach tomorrow on the subject of "The Kingdom of God." His subject will be "Spiritual Character."

The Christian Unity will be the subject of the sermon delivered at the Lutheran Protestant Church by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Burnham.

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Wailed by the people here.
BOLONGIER in beautiful fragrance.
You can be surrounded by them.
Thank it with a smile.
You will see it in the morning.

the Rights of Honest Women in His
Speech at Buffalo.

in the Post-Dispatch.
 PAUL, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Chauncey M. Tamm administered a scathing criticism of Police Magistrate Mott in his speech before the Buffalo News-Tribune. Addressing the Buffalo News-Tribune, Mr. Tamm said: "When I see, as I saw in New York one day, police arresting a woman on a street at night; and a Dogberry of a magistrate sending her to prison because she was on the streets at night, I say it is outrage against manhood, womanhood, and against the spirit of the nineteenth century." "I have never seen a woman arrested for being on the streets at night, and I never saw a man stop, and if he cannot arrest a woman, he should not stop a man." "The whole police force ought to be employed for the protection and not for the oppression of the people. That is, I think, what all women should want. The great fault of the police is that they would rather oppress their dignity."

Baltimore News from Spain Islands.
 Watched by the Greek Government.
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THEIR HEARTS WARM WITH THE GLOW OF CHRISTMASTIDE.



A CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SCENE IN ONE OF THE BIG DOWN-TOWN STORES.

THE EDITOR'S LOVE STORY.

Oscar Gray, city editor of the Metropolis Morning Glory, was in a quandary. Leyden, the musical critic of the Morning Glory, had just sent him a note stating that he was sick and could not get around for that evening, when the most important musical event of the season was to occur, for no less an orchestra than that of Thomas was to present a celebrated symphony by Schumann which had never been heard in Metropolis. The Morning Glory must do itself proud on this occasion or bear in silence the sneers of its rival, the Graphic. Gray racked his brains in search of some inspiration, but nothing came. There was no one he could get at short notice and the rest of the force did not understand classical music. He heartily wished Thomas and his orchestra at the bottom of the sea.

"Lady to see," broke in Will, the office boy. "Says to tell you she's from Leyden."

"From Leyden? Wonder if he's sent a substitute? Well, show her in."

Will soon ushered in a slight, girlish form. As she sat down, the chair he handed her Gray involuntarily noticed the clinging dress of dark stuff, unrelieved except at throat and wrists by collar and wristbands. The irregular features were lighted up by a pair of great, brown eyes, and above the low white brow tumbled a mischievous curl which hid the slightest suspicion of a tilt.

"My name is Fallon, sir," Nellie Fallon, she began, "and I've come to ask Mr. Leyden's place for to-night if you'll let me try. He was very ill and much troubled and he knew it would be difficult to get someone at this time. I think I could do it."

"Have you had any experience, Miss Fallon?"

"No, not much, but I love music so, and I've heard the symphony before, in Leipzig, when I studied there."

"Ah, you were educated in Europe, then?"

"Yes, sir. I was to have sung in opera, but when I came back I lost my voice for a time through sickness, and father's affairs went badly and then he died"—she paused a moment, then went on hurriedly—"so we had to keep boarders. Mr. Leyden says with us."

"Well, Miss Fallon, this concert is more important than it seems at first. You know how fierce the rivalry is between the Graphic and our paper. This concert is the event of the season and we must be ahead of them, and they have an able critic."

"Oh, sir, I wish you would let me try. It means so much for me! It's so hard to get a start."

The girl's look made Gray uneasy. He did not like to risk the concert to a raw hand, but there was something beseeching in the girl's attitude which made him come to a quick decision. Besides, he must send someone.

"You may try it," he said. "Here is an order for your seat."

The girl rose, murmuring her thanks, and asked: "How much space do you give me?"

"All you wish, and do your best," replied Gray, guiltily conscious of a desire to watch those shining eyes, and then, with a parting smile, she was gone.

"Miss Fallon," said Gray the next day, "I really must congratulate you on your report. I thought it very good, though I'm not a judge of music myself."

"Thank you, sir. I'm glad it pleased you. Like music so much."

"So I thought," said Gray with a smile. "The old man—I mean Mr. Cooper, the chief owner of the paper—is a musical enthusiast, and he has been praising the re-

port very highly to Gridley, our managing editor. I suppose Mr. Leyden has told you that he intends going away in search of a decent climate. I am going to offer you his place, Miss Fallon. Will you take it?"

"Take it? Yes, sir! How the brown eyes shone. Gray thought he had never seen anything like them before, and when he came to think it over he was sure he had not."

The novice proved herself to be a worthy successor to Mr. Leyden, and the Morning Glory retained its established reputation among the cultured for sympathetic musical criticism.

"Nellie is not much like some newspaper women," remarked Gridley to Gray one evening. "Doesn't act as masculine, don't you think?"

"Miss Fallon is the most womanly woman I ever saw," responded Mr. Gray, who had been thinking of that young lady. In fact he spent most of his spare time thinking of her. The habit had grown on him of late.

Some weeks after these remarks had passed Gridley going into Gray's room, found that gentleman talking to Miss Fallon.

"Hurrah!" shouted Gridley. "I've got some news for you, Gray."

"For me?" cried Gray, surprised. "Why, what can it be?"

"I've been talking to Mr. Cooper, and he has ordered your salary raised \$500 a year."

Miss Fallon clapped her hands. "Good! Good!" she exclaimed. "I'm sure he deserves it."

"Do you think so?" asked Gray, looking at the girl's joyful face. She flushed as she met his gaze, and Gray saw the same light in her eyes as when she thanked him for giving her a start. Gridley saw the flush, and he added two and two together, and broke in:

"Of course she thinks so; we all do. Our city page is smashing the Graphic. I'll take a cigar on this latter, Gray, but I've got something to tend to now, and he passed on, muttering, "He's a fool if he doesn't come to the point now."

"I must thank you for this, Miss Fallon," said Gray. "The musical criticism has become one of our best features, and now I have my reward for engaging you."

"I have tried to do my best, sir, and I owe it all to you. You gave me a chance."

"And I'm mighty glad of it," said Gray. "I don't think I could do without you now."

At this rather ingenious remark the girl's face colored deeply, and he realized what he had said. "Can't be," he thought, "that she cares for me?" A great wave of hope surged through his heart. Why should he not find out whether she was or not? He was not indifferent to her. He resolved to let her know, but he was afraid of those great eyes, and he did not care to ask her outright.

"Miss Fallon," said the editor, and as he spoke he took a sheet of paper, wrote "Will you be my wife?" on it and placed it in her envelope. She looked at it and placed it in her pocket. He was speaking to you about helping Johnson with his book reviews. You need not, however, have something here. I wish you would look up this evening and bring in a report on Johnson's book. The girl looked surprised at the proceeding, but took the envelope, said: "Very well, sir," and left the room.

"Now I've done it," thought Gray. "She'll read it and I'll never see her again. He turned to his work, but there seemed to be a sunny face hovering over the manuscript. He felt that the hour of his fate had come. To-morrow he would be either the happiest or saddest man in the world. Busily engaged in his work, and thinking, it was not strange that he did not notice a bluish haze which slowly filled the room. There was a big fire in the

water shaft," he cried, "and everybody's running for the stairs."

Gray jumped up and ran towards the door.

"Miss Fallon gone," he asked.

"She went out half an hour ago. Oh, look! the stairs are afire!"

The rooms of the staff of the Morning Glory took up the seventh floor of the eight-story stone building owned by Mr. Cooper. It occupied one of the principal down-town corners, and towered high over its neighbors. A light-well extended up through the center of the building, and at each story was encircled by a railing, beyond which lay a broad passageway, upon which the offices fronted. The composing-room occupied the top floor. The elevator and stairway were directly across the well from Gray's room. As he looked across through the thickening smoke he saw some of the printers rushing down the stairs, but the flames burst out through the shaft near them and enveloped the stairway. There was no escape in that direction. The boy was crying bitterly.

Gray suddenly recollected the fire-escape which passed from the roof to the first story, and grasping the boy's hand he ran to Johnson's room.

"Come, don't believe that way; you're not burned up," he said to the boy. "We must try the escape."

He opened the window and looked out. The shouts of the firemen and the rattle of the carts came up to him in a blended roar.

"Here, Will, quick! go down first," and he lifted the boy out on to the ledge. The boy looked down and burst through the windows. "Oh, I can't, I can't, I'll fall," he cried, half mad with terror.

"You must, hurry," cried Gray.

"I won't," cried the boy. "There's the fire coming out of the windows under, and he jumped back into the room."

Gray looked out and saw the boy was right. The fire on the fifth floor had gone around the passageway and burst through the windows. The floor under his feet was quivering. There must reach the roof and wait for ladders. He turned to the boy.

"We must go up, Will, as we can't go down. Climb up the escape and I'll follow."

"I'm afraid," cried the boy, but Gray again lifted him out on to the ledge and followed. The boy grasped the rungs and went up with Gray close behind. Pushing the boy over the coping, Gray got up and looked hastily around. The well was burning like a giant chimney, and the sparks were falling all around on the ground. In a few minutes the roof would go. He looked down and heard a mighty shout and saw the firemen putting up an extension ladder. The windows there were further apart, and as long as the walls stood, descent could be made in safety. Taking the boy's hand he ran forward.

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But alas for calculation. The rope touched Gray's outstretched hand, and making a lunge, he missed, and the coil went down past fireman and ladder, to the ground. A groan went up from the silent watchers. "Can't you stand it till another rope comes?" yelled the fireman.

"I'm afraid not," answered Gray. The roof was getting hotter and trembling. Gray felt that they were doomed. He looked down and saw in the front rank of the crowd a man pointing to him, and gasping intently he recognized Gridley, with a slender figure at his side. "To-morrow," he thought, "and I may never know if she cares for me." All that he had hoped for rushed into his mind. "Oh, it is too much," he murmured. "I must not die yet." He glanced at Will and with a sudden inspira-

The boy looked at him and saw there was no other way. He got up, trembling. "I'll be quiet," he said.

"That's my brave boy. Now, I'll hold you at arm's length so, and you must keep your legs together. It's not far, and he'll catch you sure."

The boy hung down, his slight frame away. Gray looked at the fireman.

"All ready below?" he cried.

"Yes," answered the fireman, stretching out his huge arms, "but can't you wait?"

"Too late," cried Gray, and as he spoke the roof on the further side of the well fell in with a mighty crash. The boy closed his eyes, and then he dropped the lad. The boy fell a little forward of the ladder, but

flame mounted upward, but the stanch walls stood firm. Gray felt himself strike the fireman's arms, and then—darkness.

When Gray opened his eyes he was lying in the accident ward of St. Gabriel's Hospital, and the morning sun came in through the window. He felt sore and stiff, and his right leg was very painful. He turned his head and tried to move, when a familiar voice sounded in his ears and Gridley advanced to the bedside.

"Well, my boy, how do you feel this morning?" I thought once last night I would never speak to you again. It was a narrow escape, and there was a suspicious shake in Gridley's voice as he took his friend's hand.

"How about the others?" asked Gray. "I hope they all got away."

"No, two of our printers, Eldred and Dow, were caught in the stairway. But you must rest and not talk. Do you know your leg is broken? Struck the ladder when you dropped. You owe Rally thanks for his long arms. Miss Fallon has thanked him already."

"Miss Fallon? She was with you?"

"Oh, you saw her, did you? Well, she acted just like a woman."

"When you were about to drop she cried: 'Oh, my love, my love!' and fainted in my arms."

"What! Say that again?"

"Ask her yourself. Here she is."

"Oh, Mr. Gray," cried the young lady, coming forward, her face pale and drawn, but, oh, the light in those eyes! Surely Gray had never seen them quite like that before. "I am glad you came out all right. It was a dreadful night. I didn't want to see one of my best friends go like that."

"Friend?" cried Gridley. "What wasn't what you said when he dropped?"

"Why, I—and Miss Fallon looked very much embarrassed. Here she is. Did you look up that matter for me? You remember, I put the instructions in an envelope. Is your report ready?"

The girl came near his bedside. Her cheeks flushed and her eyelids drooped.

"I came to a conclusion last night," she faltered.

"When I was on the roof?"

"Yes."

"Oh, Miss Fallon, Nellie, it is—it is all right!"

The girl bent low over him and softly whispered, "Yes—Minneapolis Times."

LOOK AFTER YOUR WHEEL.

In These Post-Cycling Days Your Machine Needs Some Attention.

During the winter months cyclists who store away their wheels should not fail to inspect their tires occasionally to see that they are not allowed to flatten out, especially if the weight of the wheel rests on them. A pair of tires, when properly cared for, and inflated acts as a preservation. The best way to store a wheel for the winter is to hang it up so that no part of the tire touches the floor. Dead weight on a deflated tire will speedily ruin it for service.

A Long Ocean Race.

A long sea race from Tacoma to Australia was started a few days ago between two yachts, the "Hesperia" and the "Hesperia". Both are bound from Tacoma for the Hawaiian Islands, and the "Hesperia" is expected to arrive in Honolulu in a few days. The "Hesperia" is a new vessel, and is expected to make the trip in a few days. The "Hesperia" is a new vessel, and is expected to make the trip in a few days. The "Hesperia" is a new vessel, and is expected to make the trip in a few days.

DIGGING FOR GOLD.

An Old Man Who Has Been Delving in the Mountains for Fifty Years.

From the Washington Star.

An old man entered a leading hardware store in Washington yesterday and bought some blasting powder. His white hair hung low upon his shoulders, his beard dropped far down upon his breast. He looked like a veritable Rip Van Winkle just awakened from his slumbers. It is not often that he comes to town, and when he does he leaves as soon as his supplies are purchased. Up in the mountains the old man has a cabin where he has lived alone for many years, raising hardly enough corn to the rocky land he owns to sustain his existence. For half a century he has been digging for gold, and from time to time thought has been found in a little stream near his cabin to stimulate his search. But there has never been sufficient to pay for opening up a tunnel, and the old man has been digging one for fifty years. He works alone, for he is afraid to confide his secret to any man. From morning until night he digs, and when a rock is reached that has to be blasted he buys all the powder that the money he can raise will pay for, and when that is gone, must wait until another crop can be raised to procure a new supply. The old prospector will not live to make many more trips to Washington, and it will probably never be known whether the washings of free gold he has secured from the stream came from a vein in the mountain where he has vainly spent his life or not.

DISEASE OF CONDUCTORS.

Street Railway Men Are Affected by a Peculiar Complaint of the Eyes.

From the Syracuse Post.

There is a new disease not down in the catalogue of the latest medical experts. Street railway conductors are the persons affected. As far as can be learned about a half-dozen employees of the Syracuse Street Railway Company have lately been afflicted more or less with a swelling of the eyes, accompanied by partial blindness. The conductors in question, without exception, stuck to their work, but one of them was forced to undergo medical treatment. He had observed from time to time that his hands grew black from contact with the brass railings of the car when he jumped on and off. In windy weather he had to wipe his eyes more or less to brush away the moisture. These two things he only observed after he was well along in the stage of the eye trouble. He consulted a physician, finally recovering without difficulty. Then he came to the conclusion that the contact with the railing was responsible for the trouble. Since that time he has worn gloves and has not experienced the disease. But these conductors who do not know his experience may yet suffer. This is a new disease, and it is not known whether men are not troubled with the disease, as they wear gloves.

Swiss Hotels.

The Swiss hotel-keepers are admittedly the best in Europe, and some of their secrets try to be made known to the hotel-keeping world at large, as they propose to open a technical school for the hotel-keeping of their country. The course includes French and German, with particular reference to the management of the hotel, and especially the management of the kitchen and the service of the table. The school will be held in the city of Zurich, and will be open to all who are interested in the hotel-keeping business.



"ASK HER YOURSELF IF HERE SHE IS."

WITH GIRL MEDICAL STUDENTS AT THE DISSECTING TABLE.

"Mab" Tells How St. Louis' Future Women
Medicos Pursue Anatomical Studies.

She Sees Them Coolly Carving a Negro "Sub-
ject" at a Woman's Hospital.

One Used Fingers, Discarding Instruments, Another
Wore Glove Tips—A Girl's Lecture on Muscle.

I have been a medical student for one week, and in that time I have seen more of the dissecting table than any student ever did before.

I commenced my medical course Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and served my connection with the study of medicine and surgery on the following Saturday night.

I wanted to learn how the girl medical students of St. Louis stood the trying ordeal of the dissecting table, and I knew I could find out unless I was willing to confess to squeamishness and cowardice.

Remembering that I knew a woman member of a hospital medical class for the work of a dissecting table, I called on her in the morning, and she was in the dissecting room.

Upon arriving at my destination I found my friend sitting away from home, but the servant said she expected her every minute, so I waited. Although a medical student, the lady upon whom I called was a married woman, the wife of a gentleman in good circumstances, but with what the world would call rather peculiar ideas about women and their sphere of action. He had encouraged her wife to take up the study of medicine with the idea of practicing after taking her degree, as he considers it the duty of every intelligent woman to fortify herself against want or dependence, no matter what her condition in life or fortune may be, so that she may be prepared to take care of herself and those dependent upon her in case of misfortune, or change of circumstances.

I did not wait long, for my friend came in bright and happy, with a stack of books under her arm, looking for all the world like a school girl, although she is a mature woman.

The fresh air and interest in her studies had animated her to such a degree that she would never have believed it possible that she had two big boys at a dissecting table.

"I want you to initiate me into some of the mysteries of your craft," I said, after we had exchanged greetings.

"Do you want to study medicine?"

"I do for a short time, and I laughed and explained to her my desire.

"I am willing to help you in any way possible," she said, and she was so interested in the study myself that I am delighted to assist any friend in gaining information upon the subject.

Looking at her as she sat by my side, with her delicate refined features, her slender figure, the gentle womanly manner which characterized all of her actions, I wondered if it was possible that my friend possessed the qualities requisite for a good physician.

"Do you ever shrink from the scenes of suffering, and all the disagreeable things connected with your profession?" I asked.

"No; I think it is a beautiful study, and the more I know about it the more I want to know," she promptly made reply.

Before my visit was at an end, I had arranged to meet her next morning at 11 o'clock at a well-known hospital in the city, where a delicate operation was to take place before her class, which was composed of men as well as women students.

Being detained next morning I arrived a little after the hour appointed, and found that the students had all assembled in the operating room, to which I was directed by the matron of the establishment. I ascended the stairway, and tapped at the door of fear and trembling, but a young fellow came forward to welcome me, and I followed him into the room.

He led me to a seat with the front row of chairs next to the young physician who was to perform the operation, and I slipped into my coat and took a seat with a dozen women students.

At a given word almost thirty of the women students, who were all dressed in the same uniform, turned to look at the operation, and I saw that they did not notice him.

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There were several complications beside the disease mentioned above, which made the operation one of much delicacy and danger. The house surgeon administered the chloroform, and the terrible ordeal commenced, the girl students standing around and fearfully assisting when it was possible. The operation took nearly an hour, but the young women never faltered in interest, and when it was over came forth from the room discussing the child's chances for life as coolly as old surgeons.

The operation had been a very "beautiful" one, so the class informed me, and they seemed to have a great contempt for my weakness, which had almost overcome me early in the action.

The next step in my medical education took place at one of the largest hospitals in the city, the subject being a beautiful young girl of 18. There I observed the same keen interest in the part of the women students, all sentimentality and personal feeling being left behind in the desire to see the operation, which was also a very delicate and dangerous one. The poor patient in this

instance died, while the little boy is living and doing well, so I heard a day or two ago.

After witnessing the operations above described I spent a day at the Homeopathic College on Jefferson avenue, which is one of the three medical schools that admit women students.

The day I arrived the students were all in the operating room with the exception of four girls, who said they had no desire to witness the operation, which was of the disagreeable nature. This was the first evidence of shrinking from disagreeable sights I had come in contact with during my experience as a medical student.

Pretty soon the bell rang and all of the students came trooping down stairs, filling the seats, arranged before desks like the men in the school room. There were a great many more men than women, and they made as much noise as a set or collection of boys free from the restraints of female society. But the girls did not seem to mind it, and laughed and talked and joked with the boys.

Instead of the women taking seats together on one side of the room and the men on the other, I noticed that most of the girls shared a desk with one of the boys, and I had thought that the very nature of the study, and the disagreeable features connected with it, would naturally destroy all that sentimentality and tendency to innocent flirtation which generally develops wherever young men and young women are thrown together. But I was soon undeceived in this, as in other opinions which I had formed, and I saw that the women students were as much interested in the study as the men.

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Although nearly everything from death to haystacks has already been insured against, there is a new kind of insurance about to be put upon the market, which will make the burglar as innocuous as so much sterilized milk.

It will pluck the flower safely out of the garden, and then, with the flower in the pocket, will return to the garden, and make a great step forward towards getting on a legitimate commercial basis. This is not fiction.

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FLOWERS ARE NOW PERFUMED.

Extraordinary Changes Wrought by a Paris Scientist.

To artificially perfume flowers is the latest fad in Paris. It has been found possible not only to take away from a flower the odor given to it by nature, but actually make it yield a perfume derived from some other vegetable product.

There are, for instance, certain violets which are so poor, but very beautiful as to form, while there are others that are poor to look upon, but very rich in perfume. The transfer of the odor from one species to the other has been successfully performed in Paris.

Again, the African marigold, which is a handsome flower, has been robbed of its odor and given a perfume that makes it really valuable and delicious. This fad for perfuming flowers has even been pushed to the absurd length of imparting the odor of the rose to the sunflower, while carnations have been made to smell like the violet.

Big M. Villon of Paris is the gentleman who has brought this science to perfection. He has invented a machine for perfuming flowers, which has been used to make some of the most beautiful flowers in the world.

According to the method pursued by M. Villon, the flowers are placed in a box, and the odor is taken away from them, and then the odor of the rose is put into them, and they are ready to be used.

Through his pipe a current of carbonic acid gas is passed through the flowers, and the odor is taken away from them, and then the odor of the rose is put into them, and they are ready to be used.

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FREIGHT CARS ALL OF STEEL.

They Are Cheaper, Lighter and More Durable.

Experiments have recently been made by the Carnegie Steel Co. with steel freight cars, which it is designed shall take the place of the cumbersome wooden freight cars now in use on all railroads.

The railroad men of the world are watching the trial with interest, as it means to them a decreased cost and weight of cars, and a vastly increased carrying capacity. No piece of wood is used in the construction of the new cars, and their lightness and durability will enable them to stand any amount of hard usage and heavy loading.

The Railway Review, in a detailed description of the new cars, says that the most radical departure from present methods of construction is in the floor and sills, which are practically one series of channels, 14 1/2 inches wide, with 4-inch flanges, which are joined by side, with the flanges downward, the flanges forming the sills of the car and the back of the web making the floor of the car.

The channels are secured together by the rods passing through the flanges near the ends of the car, and the rods are secured by the nuts and washers, which are fitted between the flanges of each channel, which support the floor of the car.

The floor is virtually constructed in the form of a cross, of which the floor itself is the center, and the side sills are the arms. The side sills are made of steel, and are joined by side, with the flanges downward, the flanges forming the sills of the car and the back of the web making the floor of the car.

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THE CRAZE FOR ODD WAISTCOATS.

Some Startling Creations Now Worn by Swells.

Swells seem to have gone mad on the question of waistcoats. The girls are included in it this time. The man or woman who hasn't got a fancy waistcoat of some kind isn't "in it." If they have one, and of course most of them have, the fancier it is the more they are "in it." They are the waistcoats—at the top notch of popularity.

In first seen of them was about a month ago when they shot across the horizon of the fashionable world like flaming meteors. Like everything else that becomes a fad, they came to the front very slowly. They got a mighty impetus at the horse show, and they are bidding fair to remain in vogue for the better part of the winter.

The material used in the waistcoats are very diversified, and some of them are even startling in the originality of the material. Leather, for instance, is used for waistcoats, and there is no telling who is responsible for the introduction of this fad, but leather waistcoats are here in all their rascal glory.

But leather hasn't got a monopoly of the situation. Corduroy, the heavy ribbed kind, is also very much in evidence. The corduroy makes a very pretty waistcoat. It has not been used for the purpose in many years. Servants have had a monopoly of it for some time.

Perhaps the most delicate fabric yet used in the making of waistcoats is the English melton. It greatly resembles white kid, but is much richer in appearance. So far, the car easily sustained 5.5 pounds of load.

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DEEPEST SPOT IN THE OCEAN.

The "Penguin" Finds It Over Five Miles Deep.

The deepest spot in the ocean has been found. More than five miles of wire ran out without the bottom being reached. Then the wire broke. This spot was recently discovered by the surveying ship Penguin, near the Friendly Islands, in the South Pacific. Commander Balfour of that ship reports that this remarkable discovery was made in latitude 23° 40' south, longitude 151° 10' west. When he first discovered this extraordinary hole, which so far as we now know is bottomless, Capt. Balfour attempted to take the depth and the sounding line was run out.

After 4200 fathoms had run out over the side of the ship the wire broke and a rising sea and wind prevented any further attempt of the kind being made. Upon the second attempt he managed to pass 4,000 fathoms, or 2,400 feet of the wire, over the side of the ship before the wire broke and not a word was heard of the bottom.

Where a sounding had been made of 4,000 fathoms, or 2,400 feet, the depth of the hole was found to be 1,600 feet shallower than the deep hole which was now being discovered.

How much deeper it goes than 4,000 fathoms no man can know. It is a piece of water more than five miles deep, and the pressure must be at the bottom no scientific instrument that would resist this pressure. It would be impossible to resist this pressure. It would be impossible to resist this pressure.

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AND GOOD FUN'S WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD."

THE GAME THE "NEW WOMAN" WAS AFTER.



MOTHERLY INTUITION.
(From Lilla.)



A DESPERATE REVENGE.

The Statesman Was Too Much for the Burglar.
From the Chicago Tribune.
It was an inclement night but the gloomy looking man who stood in the doorway of the little town hall and looked out at the pelting rain did not blame it entirely on the weather.
The gloomy-looking man was Webster Shukks, leading citizen and prominent debater of Bainbridge Township. He had come to Spicktown, pursuant to announcement, to deliver an address on "The Crime of '73," and only three persons had turned out, one of them being the janitor of the building.
The other two had heard the orator once or twice already.
It was decided to postpone the meeting. The lights were put out and Mr. Shukks, buttoning his overcoat about him, turned up his collar, and pulling his hat brim down all around, went forth into the storm.
Oppressed by the burden of an unspoken speech, he wandered aimlessly about the little town for hours, regardless of the rain.

BY AND BY.

His beautiful silken mustache hung down from his face, and his eyes were red from weeping.
Her voice came to him as one in a dream.
"You wrong me, Clarence, my love, I am not a woman with a past, and..."
Nervously she changed her silver cigarette box from one pocket to another.
"I am not a woman with a past, and..."
She drew a small package from her inside coat pocket.
"A woman with a present."
Hastily slipping a ring on his finger she kissed him, and soon his tears dissolved into a smile as he gazed upon the ring and the woman who had asked him to be her husband.

UNINTERRUPTED.

From the Washington Star.
"It is now the hunter salutes forth. His cherished joys to claim. Except, perchance, the trolley car. For in November he may go in quest of lawful game.
Of all the creatures on this earth, No happier one is found— Except, perchance, the trolley car, Which kills the whole year 'round."

UNDER COVER.



Dealer (to party who is purchasing some letter-paper and envelopes)—Do you wish your address stamped on it?
Purchaser—Oh, no, no, no, just plain.
Dealer (affably)—How are things in Brooklyn, nowadays?

THE JUDGE'S DAUGHTER.

Her Blood Told When Men Came to Woo Her.
From the Chicago Post.
She was the daughter of a judge, and she listened with languid interest to his plea.
"I love you devotedly," he cried passionately. "I am prepared to devote my life to you."
"Be specific in your pleading," she cautioned. "Do not stray too far from the point at issue."
He hesitated and then asked earnestly: "Will you be my wife?"
"Ah," she said, "now I see the point you wish to make."
"I am not rich," he urged, "but I have enough to give you a comfortable home, and my prospects are bright. I offer you the love of an honest man, who will do all in his power to make you happy."
She stopped him by a gesture.
"It is useless to continue at present," she said, firmly but kindly. "There are several cases ahead of yours on the docket."
"But," he protested, "I want—" She stopped him again.
"I must insist that these matters be taken up in their regular order," she said sharply. "Put your proposition in writing and file it with my maid, and it will receive due attention when it is reached in the regular course of business. I haven't time to listen to oral argument in a case that can be as well presented in briefs."
With a sigh he left and put in his time until late that night preparing a petition for a rehearing.

SOMETHING LIKE AN ANCESTRY.

From Life.
"Jim, while we're a-waitin' for the sun to set afore we breaks into the churchyard, let me tell yer dat yer ain't got no ordinary every-day mortal fur a partner. I've got the bluest convict blood a-countin' through my veins; my gran'father kilt a Hesse Cassel cook an' my mother's a-I kin show 'er generations wot have been hung by de neck!"
SCORE ONE AGAINST THE BARBER.
The old gentleman with the bland and child-like smile read with apparent relish the beautiful, soap-painted sign on the mirror which wished everybody the compliments of the season.
The barber glanced at him interestedly.
"Your hair's dyed, sir?"
The child-like smile reached out and covered new territory on the old gentleman's face.
"Yes—it did some time ago."
Contrary to an established precedent the barber allowed his customer to get out of the chair without any reference to the political situation.

IF.

From the Atlanta Constitution.
If love were always rosy
And knew no mortal foe,
And never went to pay the rent,
Or stormed at grocery bills,
Then would the world be singing,
And heaven would kiss the hills,
If love were always rosy,
And paid no grocery bills!

INCAPACITATED.

From the Detroit Tribune.
"Heavens!" shrieked he, "What in my name have I done?"
"I have been tearing my hair," he gasped. One glance into the mirror was enough to tell him that he could no longer be considered a piano virtuoso of the first class, to be dry.

JUDGED BY THEIR "HANG-OUT."



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"Do you know anything about your new neighbor?"
"Yes, I do. I know he's a first-class piano virtuoso."

OVER THE COUNTER.



I would like some powder, please?
Face, gun or bug?

AUNTIE SEPTIC.

From an Exchange.
Once upon a midnight cheery, at his work and never weary,
Sung that happy little microbe who tortures the editor.
Sudden there came a tapping, as of some one softly rapping.
Seeking for admittance gently, softly tapping o'er and o'er,
And the microbes smiled complacently: "Tis my friend and comrade, Auntie Septic, Tapping at the chamber door."
But there stood within the portal such a form as any mortal Would have gazed on with delight, and begged into his bosom's core.
Then the naughty microbe started, and his valor quickly departed.
"Who are you?" he cried in terror.
"Tell me, tell me, I implore!"
"Oh, I am your Auntie Septic, whom you never met before— Merely this and nothing more."

THE DOCTOR'S UNCERTAINTY.

He Needed Further Information About His Patient's Condition.
From the Chicago Post.
The physician looked troubled.
"Do you know anything about the Browns?" he asked at last.
"What do you want to know?" inquired his wife. "I have met Mrs. Brown a number of times, and she seems to be a very pleasant, well-bred woman, what?"
"Oh, I don't care anything about that," interrupted the physician quickly. "I was thinking about Mr. Brown's financial condition."
"I think he pays his bills very promptly," "I know he does," exclaimed the physician impatiently. "But is he really a wealthy man, or is he only moderately well off?"
"I don't see what business that is of yours," suggested his wife.
"I want to prescribe for his wife."
"What's the matter with her?"
"Nothing. That's just the trouble. She complains of a feeling of lassitude and all that, and I must humor her or lose all the business of the family."
"I don't see it."
"Oh, of course you don't. You've been a doctor's wife for ten years, and you don't know anything about the business yet." "What else can his wealth have upon your prescriptions?"
"Why, the whole thing depends upon that in a case like this. If I have no idea how much he is worth, I am I to know whether to advise a trip to Europe or a little exercise?"

DIFFICULT.

From Truth.
I find no trouble in kissing girls of three and of thirty-three; But bridging the chasm between the two is the hardest part for me.

BETTER THAN A CURB.

He Had Confidence in His Device for Rescuing the Children.

From the Detroit Free Press.
Down near Goldsboro, N. C., I turned in from the dusty highway and asked a native sitting in front of his cabin if I could get a drink of water. He said I could, and I walked with him to a hole in the ground a few yards away. He didn't have to go down over fifteen feet, and there was water to the depth of five feet in the hole. It was neither stoned up, nor was there a curb around it, and as there were several children around and the well was near the door I said: "It should think you would have a curb around this well."
"What for?" he asked.
"Don't the children run a risk of falling in?"
"I reckon."
"And wouldn't a curb lessen the chances?"
"It might, but 'twould take a heap of lumber and time. I've got a cheaper way. Look at that."
He pointed to a pole stuck on end in the well, and while I was trying to make out what it was for, he said: "That's for them to climb out on when they tumble in, and it beats a curb all holler."

DURING A BUZZARD'S BAY STROLL.

Wister: "Is it true that Cholly's father cut him off without a shilling when he heard of his elopement?"
Bliester: "Yes, but he repented when he heard that the girl was—" Wister: "An heiress?"
Bliester: "No, his typewriter."

A WISE MINISTER.

From the Indianapolis Journal.
The potentate was plainly agitated. "My courtiers," said he in angry tones to his Minister of War, "inform me that all is in readiness to smother the rebels who have dared to question our authority, and yet I find you delaying the advance. If I thought there were any treachery—" "Have patience, oh, Brother of the Sun and Bees of the Moon," replied the Minister, in the tone of one who was sure of his ground. "We are but waiting for them to get out a set of postage stamps, which we will rush in and seize, and by the sale of them pay the whole expense of the war." "Verily," said the admiring monarch, "thou hast a head like a tack."

OPEN TO SUSPICION.

From the Detroit Tribune.
The last notes of the piano were lost in thunders of applause.
"Nevertheless," muttered the critic, savagely, "I do not regard it as true art. You can't make me believe that hair is his own."

THAT'S WHY.



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"What are you in for?"
"I'm in for it, I tell you."

JUST IN AUTUMN.

From Truth.
Now the schoolboy hies him home, O'er the nut-strewn woods to roam, And the candidate is bent on friendly call; Indian summer in the sky, And the pumpkin in the pie— With a mellow plunk the hush persimmons fall.

Proudly struts the lusty cock— Corn is cut and in the shock, Through the woodland, 'neath the happy hunter's moon, Loudly bay the eager hounds Making merry, midnight sounds, As they chase the predatory, wily 'coon.
And the elder's in the jug, Sweet potatoes, too, are dug, And the juicy apple snugly packed away; Chestnuts also setting drier, Wood all sawed up for the fire— Just awaitin' for the coldest winter day.

REASON FOR WORRY.

From the Washington Star.
"You ought not to worry so much about that boy every time he gets out of your sight," said the young man's father.
"It shows how thoughtless you are that you don't worry about him," was the maternal response.
"I don't see why."
"When you left home he was going to play foot ball, wasn't he?"
"Yes."
"And the route takes him over two grade crossings."
"I believe it does."
"And the first thing he did when he got outside the door was to light a cigarette."
"And yet," she concluded, with a world of scorn in her voice, "you tell me not to worry about him!"

A SOUTHERN IDYL.

From Puck.
"Yes."
The Cracker gallant gazed ardently at the mountain maid in the faded sun-bonnet.
"I love the very ground you walk on!"
"Shucks!"
Her eyes were downcast.
"That ain't nothin', the clay this far down the gully ain't fit ter marry nohow!" But, despite the petulance of her speech, she was almost as pleased as if they had been where she indicated.

THE INFANT WONDER.

From Puck.
Newspaper (loudly): "I'll tell you what! That kid of mine is going to be a politician when he grows up!"
Kurdler: "Why so?"
Newspaper: "Well, while I was reading about the late election to my wife this morning, he said, right out plain: 'Goo Goo! Garoo! Goo Goo!'"

that soaked his garments and the mud that splattered and slopped as he waded, his legs and arms and neck and head, through the mire of the great city. He was a man of the people, and he was a man of the people's heart. He was a man of the people's heart, and he was a man of the people's heart.

Finding himself at last opposite the village hotel, where he had engaged lodgings for the night, he went in. Climbing the stairs softly, in order not to disturb the slumbers of the other guests, he proceeded to his room.

Through the partly opened door he saw a man slipping quietly about with a dim lantern in his hand.

Webster Shukks grasped his heavy cane firmly, slipped noiselessly inside, shut the door behind him, and spoke in a low tone: "Stop right where you are! If you make a single movement I'll brain you!"

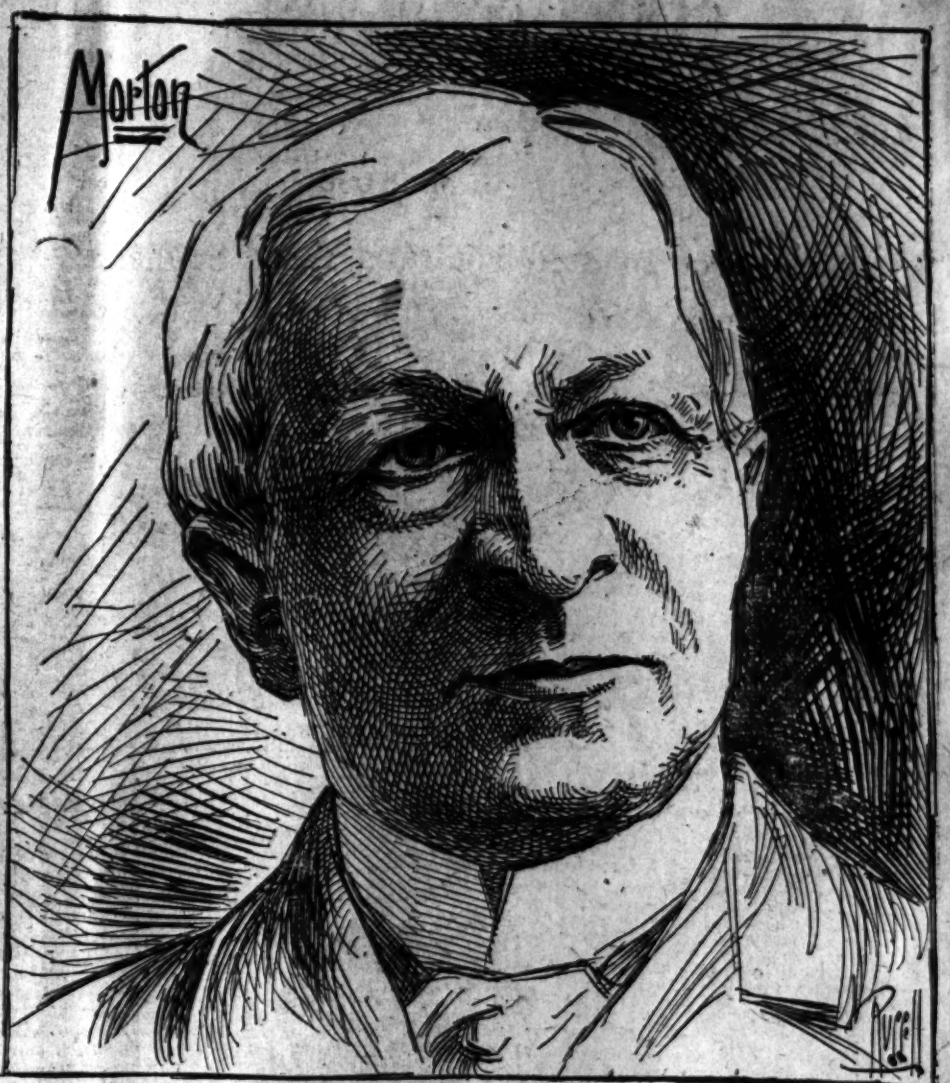
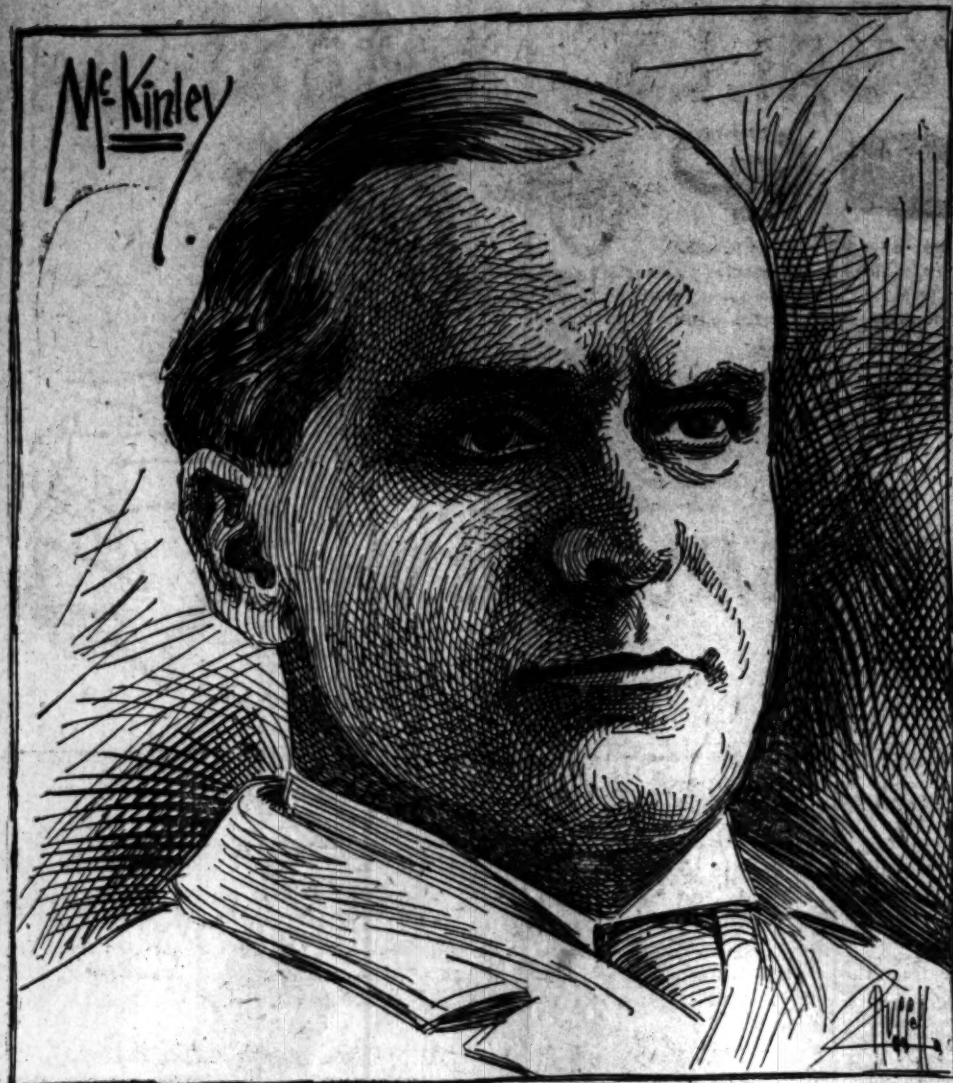
Taken by surprise, the intruder threw up his hands.

"Now, you scoundrel," said the statesman of Bainbridge Township, with the same low, tense utterance, "I don't know who you are or where you come from, but I know what you're prowling about my room for. You are here to steal something!"

"There is nothing you need say," interrupted Webster Shukks, with a gleam of vengeance in his eye. "Open your head again and I'll drive you down through the floor! Listen to me. We have met this fellow-criminal, my fellow-criminal, as calmly as we can the great crime committed against the people of this country in the year 1873, the passing of an organization composed of a few London and New York bankers—a crime so diabolical, so fiendish, so monstrous in its conception and heartiness in its execution that humanity may well be appalled at the mere contemplation of it! Let us go back to the beginning. In 1873, my fellow-criminal, Congress passed a law, and a law is a law, which gold and silver, when coined, were declared to be the primary money of the Republic. The unit of value was the silver dollar of 360 grains of pure, or 416 grains of standard silver. The legal ratio was declared in this act to be, until otherwise provided for, 16 to 1. It was enacted that any person who took either of the two metals to the mint and have them coined into money, free of charge. In its several enactments, the Congress, the founders of this great country laid down the broad principle of the free coinage of silver."

There was a hoarse, gurgling sound, and the helpless villain who had been standing in a corner of the room with his hands above his head, sank in a heap of the floor.

WHICH SHALL IT BE?



THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION OF '96.

St. Louis Already Preparing for Its Gathering.

PLANS AS NOW PERFECTED.

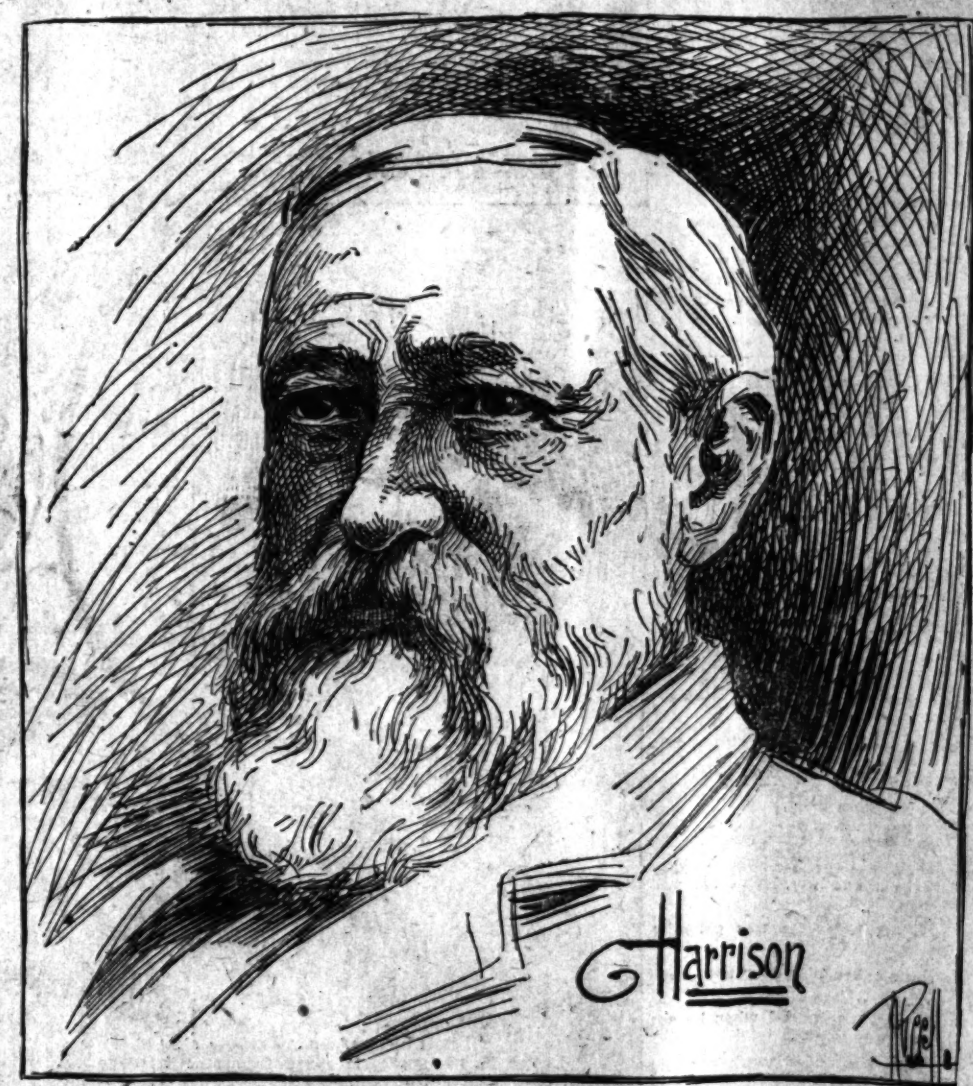
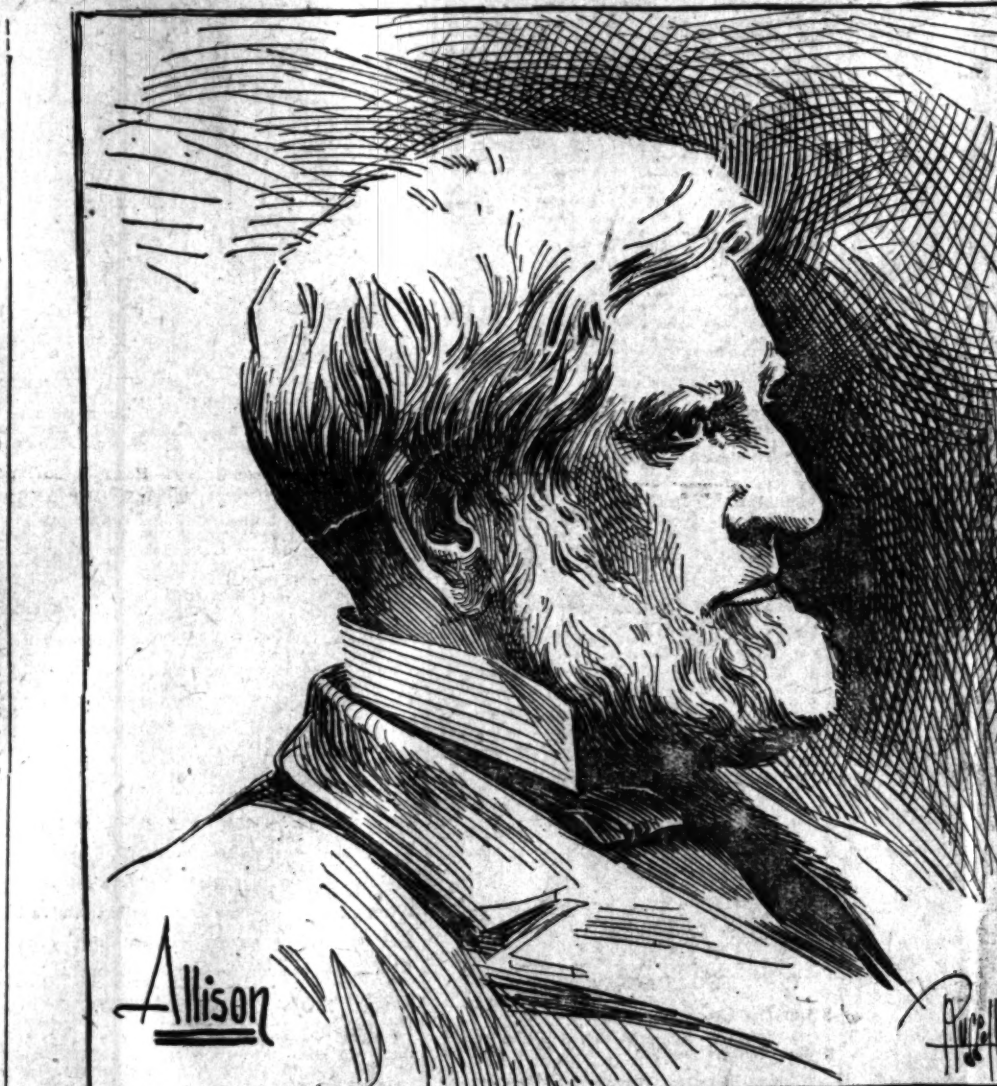
The Exposition North Nave Will Be the Convention Hall—Will Seat 13,000 People.

When the tens of thousands of St. Louis' political guests come in June to the Republican National Convention, they will have no cause to complain of the accommodations afforded them either in the matter of comfortable places in which to eat and sleep or the hall provided for their deliberations. The committee of citizens that went to Washington and laid before the Republican National Committee the claims of St. Louis in such convincing form made no promises that cannot and will not be kept.

The thirty or more trunk line railroads that come to this city converge at what is conceded by people possessed of the best means of observation of such things to be the most superbly equipped passenger station on this planet. The station's ready and easy capacity for the handling of vast multitudes of travelers is not known for the excellent reason that the occasion for putting it to the severest test has not yet arisen. Under the huge shed that stretches over the full depth of two blocks there are thirty-two tracks operated by a switchboard system that is as near perfection as the ingenuity of man has yet made anything. When the traveler emerges from his coach there will be awaiting him one of the uniformed officers of the station to direct him to his exit if his own eyes should be so blinded by the splendor of the scene as to fail to show him the plain walk that leads straight to the gate standing open to admit of his entrance to the hospitality of the city. Passing through this gate he enters the broad midway of the station and if he should miss the local committee that has come to welcome him and escort him to a hotel a myriad of signs in large, plain letters will aid him in finding his way out. Leaving the depot, either by passing directly through the building or going out the east exit of the midway he will encounter a street car line that will convey him in handsome, well-ventilated cars down to the business center of the city where are clustered within a limit of a few blocks all the big hotels. He can have his pick of these. If they are not already filled or if provision has not been made for him in one of them before he has left home.

Having been located in one of the hotel the next matter to consider will be the location of the convention hall. This he will learn, is within walking distance of his hotel at which he could stop, or that it is less than ten minutes. These lines are the Suburban, which leave past the Olive street car, or Missouri Railroad, that runs to the main entrance, and the Lindell Railway, that goes within a short block of the building, unloading passengers within that distance of either the Thirteenth street or Fourteenth street entrance. This edifice is the St. Louis Exposition building, which covers an entire block and the better part of another and the roof of which covers one of the largest and best equipped music halls in the world and another auditorium of smaller dimensions but of equal convenience in point of arrangement.

Grand Music Hall of the Exposition building is surrounded on three sides, the north, east and west, by long, broad naves of an average length of 100 feet and width of 100 feet. The north nave is to be devoted to the purposes of the convention, and already preparations are well under way for converting it to that use. Isaac Taylor, one of the best known and most accomplished architects in America, has been given an order by the Business Men's League, the organization which has been intrusted with the work of preparing for the convention, to spare no expense in arranging this nave into a hall of the most comfortable and comfortable seating capacity of about 13,000. Here ample accommodations will be provided for all of the duly authorized press representatives and the chairman of the convention and his staff. The stage will have an elevation of eight feet and being located immediately over the Thirteenth street entrance to the building will be easy of ingress and egress so as to afford the greatest possible convenience in the work of those who occupy it. Telegraph wires will be strung down Locust street to the stage from the central offices of



One of These Five Men Is Almost Certain to Receive the Republican Nomination for President at the St. Louis Convention, June, '96.

the two big telegraph companies, the Western Union and the Postal, with ample forces of expert men to operate them, so that newspaper correspondents need not leave their desks on the stage to file their reports unless they specially desire to do so.

The stage will stretch the full 100 feet width of the hall, and immediately in front of it will be placed comfortable wooden benches for the delegates. The design is to have seats in this space for about 1,100 delegates, though if the committee concludes to provide for the seating of delegates as well as delegates the space as at present arranged will be enlarged for the accommodation of these very delegates.

Mr. Taylor estimates that at this arranged fully 2,000 people, including delegates and those on the stage, can be accommodated on the first floor. Running along the entire distance on each side is a gallery, used as a promenade during the progress of the Exposition, in which at least 5,000 more people can be seated. Thus within the hall there can be seated 11,000 persons without crowding.

The total expense involved in this conversion of the nave into a hall is estimated at about \$20,000, including the cost of partition walls, stage, benches and all.

In the matter of committee and consultation rooms the building is especially well supplied. For consultation purposes the commodious dressing rooms of Grand Music Hall, which will be in easy access of the convention hall, have been given an order by the Business Men's League, the organization which has been intrusted with the work of preparing for the convention, to spare no expense in arranging this nave into a hall of the most comfortable and comfortable seating capacity of about 13,000.

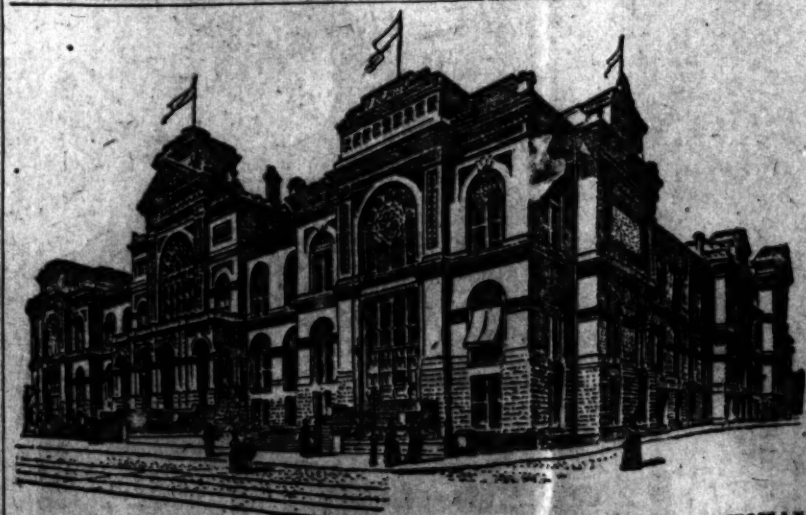
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east and west and 100 feet wide north and south.

If permitted to carry out his design he will place over the stage an immense sounding board that will roll back the wave sounds with such perfection as to make the voice of a speaker distinctly heard in the remotest parts of the hall. A sounding board of corresponding dimensions and perfection will also be placed in the west end of the hall.

Delegates and spectators will be admitted to the hall through the Fourteenth street entrance, and those holding stage tickets will enter from Thirteenth street.

In the matter of first-class hotel accommo-



THE EXPOSITION BUILDING, WHERE THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION OF '96 WILL BE HELD.

datation St. Louis is unsurpassed by any city on the continent, and all who are contemplating a visit here during the meeting of the convention can rest easy on that score. In the downtown district, within a maximum walk of ten minutes to the Exposition building, are two score or more of hotels with all the modern conveniences. Chief among them are the following, with their rates and capacity:

St. Nicholas	70	1.50 up
Lindell	227	2.50 to 4.00
Laclede	150	1.50
Mosier	100	1.50 to 2.00
Benton	50	1.50 to 2.00
Perguson's Grand	100	2.00
St. James	200	1.50 to 2.00
Hurst's	75	1.50 to 2.00
St. Louis	50	1.50 to 2.00
New Everett	25	1.50 to 2.00
Barnum	60	1.50 to 2.00
Commercial	75	1.50 to 2.00
Van Studdford	75	1.50 to 2.00
Pilgrims	25	1.50 to 2.00
St. Clair	50	1.50 to 2.00

Southern, Lindell and Laclede are run on the European plan. Most of them have restaurants attached or within a convenient distance.

Outside of this district, scattered over the city in every direction, are about 100 more hotels which range in class from the cheapest to the highest price, but all of which furnish comfortable accommodations. There is a cluster of small and neat new hotels around the Union Station, one of which, the Terminal, is first-class in the strictest application of that term, and the others are all clean and well-kept. Within a stone's throw of the Exposition building are several well-conducted hostels, the chief of which are Hostler's and the Merchants'. Along Olive street and Washington avenue as far west as Jefferson avenue, on street car lines that lead directly to the building, are a dozen or more hotels, while on Grand avenue, on the same car line, are two perfect gems of private hotels—Bears', the Grand Avenue and on Vandeventer, a few blocks further out, the West End.

The combined capacity of the regular hotels, together with that of lodging and boarding houses, is at least 10,000 and can be considerably stretched if necessary by the use of cots in the halls and additional beds in the rooms.

Negotiations have not progressed far enough yet on which to base an accurate forecast as to the location of the headquarters of the various Presidential candidates. Of course, they will all be in the downtown district, and in these the dead codfish sometimes attracts much more attention than he did when living. The car was crowded out, and the codfish was left to rot. The codfish was left to rot. The codfish was left to rot.

It Nearly Empty a Street Car En Route to the Insane Asylum.

Lyne, B. Metcalf, Deputy Supply Commissioner de jure, may be regarded as an authority on cod fish since a recent experience he had.

One day there was a sort of house-cleaning in the office. Samples of all kinds of things, submitted to him, congregated there and at irregular intervals a species of jail delivery took place. The prison of all things was very respectable, and most of all was very respectable.

praising pretty much all the articles used to every department and institution under the city government. In the course of the clearing up one of the things fished up from the bottom of one of the vaults was a small cod-fish. The salt cod-fish of commerce which range in class from the cheapest to the highest price, but all of which furnish comfortable accommodations. There is a cluster of small and neat new hotels around the Union Station, one of which, the Terminal, is first-class in the strictest application of that term, and the others are all clean and well-kept. Within a stone's throw of the Exposition building are several well-conducted hostels, the chief of which are Hostler's and the Merchants'.

The electric heaters were on duty and the atmosphere in the car was quite warm. Nothing brings out all the strong points of last season's salt codfish like a warm car, with the doors and windows tightly closed. Like many unfortunate authors and poets, dead codfish sometimes attracts much more attention than he did when living. The car was crowded out, and the codfish was left to rot. The codfish was left to rot. The codfish was left to rot.

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Factory Burned at Sarsville.

SAARVILLE, O., Dec. 14.—Andrew J. Kimble's plant for the manufacture of carriage and harness parts, located at 3 miles west of this morning, lost, \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000.

To Kansas City and Denver.

Via Burlington Route. Solid vestibule train leaves Union Station daily, 8:30 a. m. Ticket Office, 4 N. corner Broadway and Olive st.

Runge thought when his visitor handed him his fish must remain a matter of speculation, as he refused to discuss it. Not that any report on file of the result of the investigation in the Supply Commissioner's office. It is believed, however, that the zealous deputy became satisfied that the cod fish contractor was doing the right thing, and that the fish supply was even superior to sample.

THEY WERE GOOD CIGARS, But the Trouble Is That the Wrong Man Smoked Them.

The court-martial on Assistant Surgeon Ewing of Jefferson Barracks at Leavenworth, Kan., last week, has caused the divulgence of a good joke on Charles Nagel, President of the Council, Dr. Roman, ex-Health Commissioner; Dr. Otto E. Forster, Police Commissioner, and ex-member of the Board of Health, and Dr. A. C. Robinson, also a member of the last Board of Health.

It was shortly before the new Board of Health was formed, and while the board was wrestling with the small pox visitation, that, without warning, the order went forth from the commandant of the post that no more ambulances should go through the reservation to reach Quarantine. In fact, the order went into effect while one ambulance was at quarantine and two others en route with patients. The former could not get back, and the ambulances on their way could not get to quarantine with their loads.

The board was confronted with a condition rather than a theory, and prompt measures were necessary, since practically there was no way to reach Quarantine but through the reservation without going along unknown county roads a dozen miles or so out of the way. Indeed, if any other road existed, none knew of it.

It happened that the board was in session the evening the news came, and the four gentlemen named procured a carriage and went post haste to the Barracks to try to work the commandant's recalcitrance. Lieut. Ewing was known to the gentlemen, so a happy thought struck them to go first to him and get him to introduce them to the post commander, with a view of making the interview easier. Well, Lieut. Ewing introduced everybody, and put in a good word here and there so skillfully that the upshot was that a general good feeling was brought about, several bottles were cracked, the obnoxious order was revoked, and when the party separated they parted the best of friends.

Next day the members of the Board of Health thought it would be the correct thing to delicately recognize the great service rendered by Lieut. Ewing. A box of fine cigars was suggested, and Dr. Roman, Forster, Robinson and Mr. Nagel chipped in \$1 each and bought a box of the best cigars. They sent it by special envoy to Lieut. Ewing with their compliments.

The next morning the City Chemist, consulting bacteriologist of the Health Department, was sitting in the City Chemist's office on Olive street, when Lieut. Ewing dropped in.

"Here's something you'll like," Lieut. Ewing said, handing him a box of cigars. "I don't know how good they are, but they were given to me, but you know I don't smoke."

Dr. Ravold lit one and promptly concluded that they were good enough for him. He put the box under lock and key to keep microbes from getting at them and set it to rot. The perfume was getting real good. Dr. Roman happened along. He sniffed and remarked with a longing luscious smack of the lips: "Um; you smoke good cigars, don't you?"

"Well, I didn't buy them," Ewing was just up and gave him a box of them. "Heaven knows, I made him a present of them and he doesn't smoke. Have one?"

The usually cold and impassive Dr. Roman was all broke up. "Kick me, kick me, kick me," he yelled, and he jumped around in an effort to bestow a sound kick on himself. At the board meeting that evening Dr. Roman told his confidants how Dr. Ravold, who had cut no figure in the negotiations at all, was enjoying their fit of giggles. To this day when Dr. Ravold meets any of the members of the old board he has to chuck his cigars he has in his pocket, and he believes after all Lieut. Ewing's present has cost him more than the original price of the cigars.

Dining Cars.

Via Burlington Route to Denver. Ticket Office, 4 N. corner Broadway and Olive st.

Post-Office Robbery in Kansas.

SAARVILLE, Kan., Dec. 14.—Thieves broke into the Post-office building here this morning, stole \$10,000 worth of stamps and money. Nearly \$5,000 worth of stamps and money were also taken from the same building.

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